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# ATHENS COUNTY

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PROGRESS OF ONE HUNDRED YEARS

## CENTENNIAL



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FROM THE PEN OF  
J. C. TIPTON

ATHENS, OHIO

# INTRODUCTORY

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IN getting out this Centennial Souvenir of Athens County, our aim was not to write a history, but to present a description and show the progress that has been made since the first white man located in the county.

Histories and descriptions, however well written, fail to convey a correct mental picture of the appearance and characteristics of a county or town. Word pictures are often colored by the likes or dislikes of the writer, and may convey erroneous impressions, but the camera makes an exact reproduction.

The data we used in preparing this work was gathered with painstaking care from the most reliable sources, and while mistakes are unavoidable, it is as near correct as it is possible to make a work which was began and completed in the time allowed to this issue.

In order that dwellers in other lands, as well as our own citizens, might appreciate more fully the beauty of the landscape, form a better idea of our resources and a higher appreciation of our intellectual, social and commercial advantages, we have drawn largely upon the resources of photographer and engraver.

This work would not have been possible but for the generous support of the public, and we desire to make grateful acknowledgment to those to whom thanks are due.

THE AUTHOR.



**A**THENS COUNTY formed a part of the original Ohio Purchase and was included in the limits of Washington County. The first permanent settlement within the present borders of the county was made in May, 1797, on a site now within the city limits of Athens. Unlike most of the early settlements of the State, it never experienced any of the horrors of Indian warfare or suffered any losses from their thievish excursions, though Indian hunting parties frequented these parts as late as 1810 and 1811. Athens and Alexander Townships were surveyed in 1795, forming Townships numbers eight and nine, in Washington County, and were known as the University lands. The survey was made under the direct supervision of General Rufus Putnam, the surveyor and local manager of The Ohio Company, who displayed a commendable enterprise in getting the College lands on the market. Athens Township was the first to receive permanent settlers, a party from New England locating in the



COURT HOUSE

vicinity of the present site of Athens in the spring of 1797. Walker's History of Athens County mentions the names of Alvan Bingham, Silas Bingham, Isaac Barker, William Harper, John Wilkins, Robert Linzee, Edmund, William and Barak Dorr, John Chandler and Jonathan Watkins being among the number. They traveled overland by the usual methods of those days to the head-waters of the Allegheny, making the remaining part of their journey in flat-boats or large canoes. Selecting their locations, they soon made little openings in the dense forest, and over the ashes of the burnt offals of these clearings there arose the log cabin, with its clabboard roof and door, puncheon floors and windows of oiled paper, the first signs that civilized man had forever displaced the uncivilized aborigines of these forests.

Could the descendants of some of these pioneers roll back the tide of a hundred years and contrast the difference between their commodious and well-furnished homes of modern architectural designs with the un-



slightly homes of their ancestors, with its meager furnishings and cheerless surroundings, the beneficial effects of a century's progress would be more fully appreciated. The contrast between those days and the present in the modes of travel and of transacting the everyday affairs of life are even more marked than in the matter of home comforts. There may be people one hundred years behind the age in their home life, but there are none who can resist the tide of public improvement.

In the year following the advent of the first settlers many others found a home in the Townships of Alexander and Athens, among whom were Solomon Tuttle, Christopher Stevens, John and Moses Hewitt, Cornelius Moore, Joseph Snowden, John Simonton, Robert Ross, the Brooks and Hanings families.

For the next ten years the growth of the county was slow but steady, the census of 1810 showing a total population of 2,787. In 1805 Athens County was, by an act of Legislature, set off from Washington County, and embraced 1,053 square miles, or something like 20 townships of the ordinary survey. In late years about one-half of this territory was transferred to other counties on their organization. The present county lines were established in 1850, and constitute the following townships: Alexander, Athens, Ames,

Bern, Canaan, Carthage, Dover, Lee, Lodi, Rome, Trimble, Troy and York, embracing 485 square miles.

The first officials elected in the county were three Commissioners, chosen in the spring of 1805, and the first county building to be erected was a log jail, thirteen by twenty-four. The Commissioners received the munificent salary of \$1.50 per day and their sessions were held very much as are the ladies' clubs or sewing circles of these days, by passing their meeting places around from house to house. The State and county taxes for the year 1805 amounted to \$150, and

to raise this sum an assessor and collector was required in each township. With the exception of Sheriff and Coroner, the other county officials were appointed by the County Commissioners. The heaviest warrants on the Treasury in these days were drawn in favor of the man who could shoot the straightest with his rifle. The county paid more for wolf and panther scalps than it did for expert talent in conducting county affairs.

Between the years 1810 and 1820 large tracts in the county were settled and opened up, but aside from the production of salt near Athens, there was no development of the mineral resources of the

county. The first mill to be built in the county, that has been in continuous service, was erected by Silas Bingham in 1816, near the present site of the Herrold mill, where also were located the principal salt works of the county. The U. S. census of 1820 showed a population of 6,439. Farming and trading were the only occupations of the people. The surplus farm products were floated down the Hocking and Ohio Rivers to southern markets and converted into cash, while the supplies of merchandise were obtained in the East and reached the settlements by overland transportation to the headwaters of the Ohio, thence in barges to the nearest river landing. Settlers sought out the plains and



ALONG THE HOCKING

valleys, passing by as worthless the rugged hill lands that formed a large part of the north and west sections of the county, as much of it was, indeed, unfit for agricultural purposes, but these hills that were so unsightly and unpromising to the eyes of the prospector were storehouses of wealth of which they had little conception and are, even at this day, but half understood or appreciated. Nature laid bare the vast seams of coal that comprised so important a part of the formation of the hills, but the demand for it came only with the increasing wants of a fast-increasing population. The growth



STATE HOSPITAL BUILDINGS



of the county for the decade between 1820 and 1830 was not rapid but steady, the number of inhabitants in the latter year being 9,763. With the opening of steam navigation on the Western Rivers, Cincinnati became a great city and the metropolis of the West and South and a great market for agricultural products, giving the farmers of the Ohio valley a good market for their grain and stock. Under these more favorable conditions the growth of the county was greatly accelerated during the next ten years, the census of 1840 showing a population of 19,109.

The development of the mineral resources of the county began with the advent of the Hocking Canal, which was completed to Athens in the latter part of the year 1840. From that time forward the products of Athens County began to cut a figure in the markets of the country. Nelsonville became the centre of the coal product, although it was mined quite extensively in other parts of the

which it passed subscribing quite heavily for the stock of the company. The question of a railway line up the Hocking Valley was agitated in the latter part of the fifties, but the breaking out of the civil war in 1861 stopped any active steps being taken, and the project was not resumed again until 1867. The road was finally completed to Athens in 1872. For the three decades, ending with 1870,



ON THE BOULEVARD DRIVE

county; the coal trade, however, never assumed large proportions until after the county was intersected by railway lines. The first road to reach Athens was the Old Marietta and Cincinnati, now known as the B. & O. Southwestern, the different townships through

the population of the county, in numbers, showed but little gain over the figures of 1840, but this evidence of slow growth was more apparent than real. Prior to 1850 the county had been shorn of nine townships, as before stated, reducing her area over one-half. Then, too, the county suffered heavily during the war period, sending not less than 2,600 men to the field, out of a total adult male population of about 4,500. The part that Athens County took in the suppression of the Rebellion and preservation of the country will ever remain one of the

brightest pages of her history. The construction of the Hocking Valley Railroad gave an impetus to the mining interests of the county, and the following ten years were ten years of great prosperity and advancement in all lines of commerce and industry. The de-



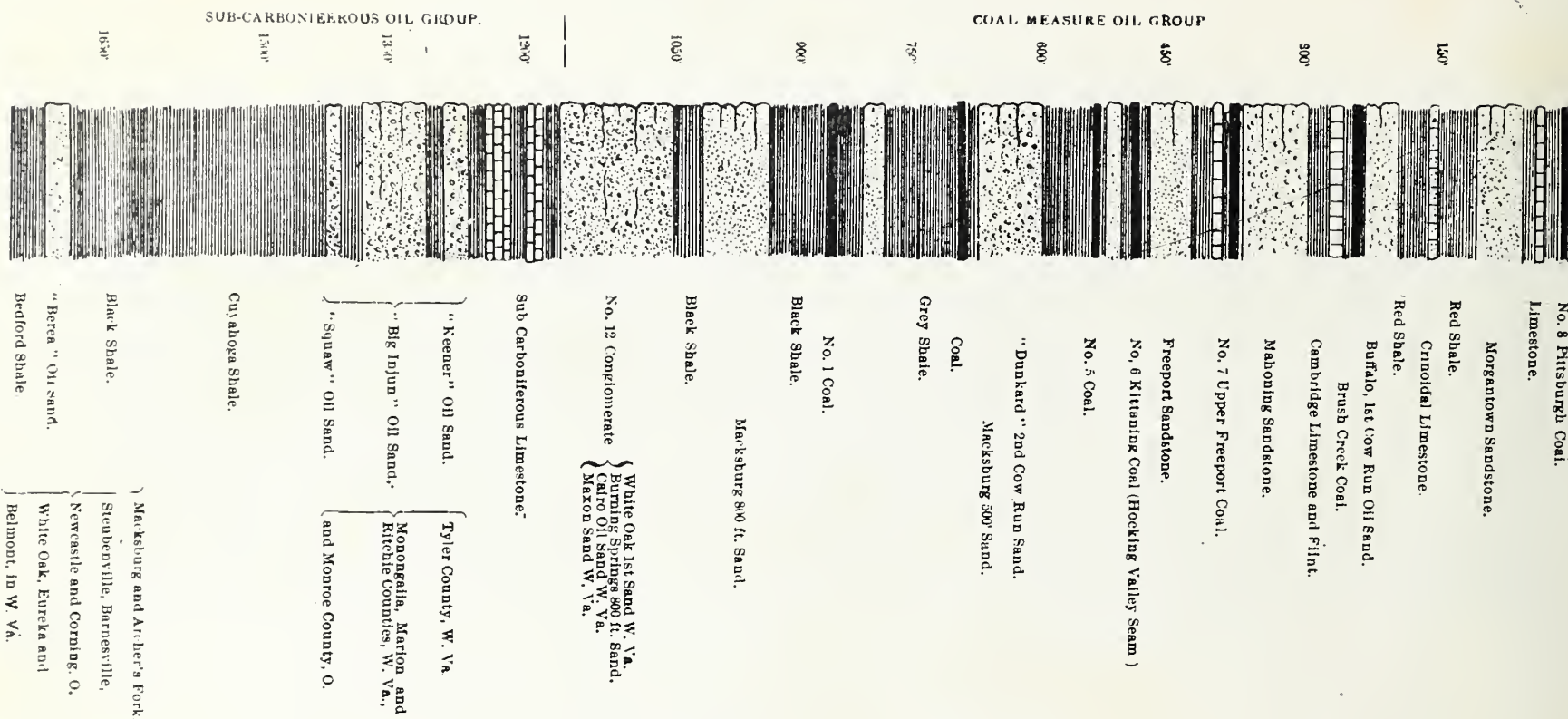




GLIMPSES IN HOSPITAL PARK



## ATHENS COUNTY ILLUSTRATED



GEOLOGICAL FORMATION (From Marietta Register)

velopment of the mines and the production of iron brought much foreign capital into the county. By the United States census of 1880, Hocking County had a population of nearly 27,000 and her exports, both of mineral and agricultural products, were the largest in her history.

The years between 1880 and 1890 were scarcely less prosperous. There was some diminution in the production of iron, but the coal output was greatly increased, while agriculture held its own. In 1890 the county had a population of 35,194. The years of 1891 and 1892 were years of prosperity, but the wave of adversity that swept over the entire country from ocean to ocean during the summer of 1893, struck this county with the full strength of its blighting force, no branch of commerce or industry escaping its withering effects, though the mining sections of the country were the greatest sufferers.

## COURT HOUSE

During the first two years of the county's existence a rented room, the property of Silas Bingham and Leonard Jewett, was used for a court house. In 1807 a court house was ordered erected. It was a substantial building made of logs, with the latest improvement in artistic chuncking and daubing and the walls of this old log house rang with the eloquence of men who became famous in the history of the State and nation. In 1814 a new building was decided upon and some contracts made for material. The building was made of brick and substantially built, being completed in 1818. It did duty for sixty-two years. In 1874 the question was put to a vote whether a new court house, not to cost over \$60,000, should be built. The people said "no" by a vote of 2,784 against 573 "yes." In 1876 the question was again asked and again refused. In June, 1878, the



question of a new court house was carried, and in August, 1880, the temple of justice was completed, and to-day it can be pointed to with just pride as one of the most artistic and imposing structures of the kind in the State. Architectural beauty and convenience of interior arrangement combine to make the Athens County Court House popular at home and famous abroad.

### TOPOGRAPHY AND GEOLOGICAL FORMATION

The northeastern and southeastern sections of the county are undulating, fertile and well adapted for both grazing and agricultural purposes; the northwestern and southeastern parts are more broken and portions exceedingly rough, the only good farming lands lying adjacent to the streams and water-courses. Rock-ribbed earth shows her bare skeleton here in many places, stripped of either verdancy or clay, and these high ridges of uncovered rocks seem to indicate that this land rose above the surrounding waters by a mighty convulsion of nature, and that at some age earth's great crucible has discharged a mass of her rich solution along the Hocking River and her eastern tributaries. Athens is one of the best watered counties in the State. The Hocking River, with an average width of fifty feet, traverses its entire breadth in a southeasterly direction. The most important tributaries of the river are Sunday Creek, Monday Creek, Margaret's Creek and Federal Creek, all streams of considerable importance, and as the territory they drain is very precipitous, they are liable to sudden overflow, the one serious drawback to farming these very productive bottom lands, as these freshets are confined to no particular season of the year and sometimes cause serious loss to growing crops. In receding, the water leaves a rich deposit on the acres they covered, as if in compensation for the mischief it had done.

The coal field covers a large area of the northeastern section of the county, and so extensively has it been mined that Athens County coal is an article of commerce in almost every centre of population in the West and Northwest. Notwithstanding its enormous output in the past quarter century, vast tracts are yet untouched. The Nelsonville vein, which has contributed most of the coal sent out of the county, has many years' workings yet in sight. On Sunday and Monday Creeks the veins are high up in the hills and the mining is all done by drifting. The Federal Creek seam, which underlies a large portion of the central part of the county, lies lower and must be raised by shafting. It has an average thickness of five feet.

In its geological formation, this section is young and belongs to the Waverly group and its age is that of the lower productive coal measures. The following geological description of Hocking county is taken from a paper written by Prof. J. P. Weethee, of Athens: "The rocks of Hocking County are of the coarse Waverly sandstone. Upon this sandstone, as its floor, is the Maxville limestone. The southeastern part of the county comes into the horizon of the lower coal measures. The county is very rich in its mineral formations. Its sandstones are excellent for building purposes, its fire-clay is unsurpassed. It has limestone in considerable quantities and it is good. The coal is perhaps the most valuable and extensive of its mineral deposits. The coal field lies on Monday Creek and its tributaries on the east and west. It contains the great coal field of Ohio, usually called the great vein coal seam. In many localities this coal seam is a dry burning coal. It varies in thickness from six to thirteen feet. It lies high and is mined by drifting. A vertical section passing from the mouth of Monday Creek, in York Township, to a point near New Straitsville, on the divide between Monday Creek, extending down to the Waverly group and to the highest hills of the afore-named watershed, would cut the various geological formations in about the following order: A limestone horizon, shale of various degrees of thickness, sandstone, three coal seams, several horizons of iron ore, and about an equal number of horizons of fire-clay, as they usually underlay veins of coal and iron ore. One vein of iron ore has been worked to advantage by a number of furnaces. Iron ore mining, however, is, even in this district, in a very crude state, and consequently its formations are imperfectly exposed. Many rich beds of iron ore may yet be brought to light which have never yet been seen. Prospecting has done wonders in discovering and bringing to view its rich mineral resources. Much still remains to be accomplished in the exposure of its mineral wealth."

Hocking Valley coal and iron have carried her name into every section of the Union; but there is another yet, in its infancy, but already well known, that is destined to become one of the greatest industries of the State. We refer to the valuable deposits of fire and potter's clay.

### FIRE AND POTTER'S CLAYS

Fire-clays are said to exist only in three of the earth's geological formations, viz.: The Tertiary, the Cretaceous and the Carboniferous. All fire-clays of the first two-named formations are said



YE OLDEN TIMES (Built in 1800)

to be plastic, those of the Carboniferous formation are both plastic and non-plastic. The clays in this section of Ohio belong to the Carboniferous formation and are both plastic and non-plastic; frequently both are found in the same locality, and not infrequently in the same vein or stratum. The northern portion of this county (Athens) is the heart of the Great Vein Hocking Valley Coal territory. This county is one of the largest in the State in the production of Bituminous Coal. The Great Vein Coal of the Hocking Valley is known and numbered in the geology of the State as "No. 6." The clays in this section are all, or nearly all, associated with the coals, the clay vein underlying the coal; in other words, the floor of the coal vein is fire-clay. The veins of clay and coal, in fact the entire strata, lie in a horizontal position, and the dip of the strata is toward the southeast, the direction of the line of greatest dip being probably about south 70 degrees east, and the fall in this direction being equal to about 30 feet to the mile. It is now a very generally conceded fact that the fire-clays of the Carboniferous age or formation are the best, for general purposes, of all the fire-clays, and those

of this section of Ohio have now come to be regarded as, for many uses, the most valuable in the State, if not indeed in the Union.

The clay found here is said to be the purest potter's clay found in this country. This, in connection with water, coal and natural gas in abundance, makes this the one point in the Union where a superior quality of queensware and art goods may be produced at minimum cost. In addition to the minerals already named, the geological formation and age of the valley indicate that there are great pockets of petroleum and natural gas in this section; they have already been touched in several parts of the country, but just how soon they will be found in greater quantities is, of course, problematical, but they will be found.

### OIL AND NATURAL GAS

There is a very general belief that both natural gas and oil may be found in large quantities in some of the sands which underlie this section of the State. The fact that oil in abundance has been found a few miles north and east of here, and that several wells put down in this section are producing both gas and oil in limited quantities, lends color to the supposition. While science has done nothing to reveal the exact location of either oil or gas belts, a brief chapter on the geological formation of this section and the depths at which each strata of the oil and gas-bearing sands are found will not be without interest to the readers of this paper.

A brief glance at the accompanying geological section map will show at what depth the hydro-carbons are found and the name given each in the geological reports of the State. The first oil product in the vicinity of Marietta was from the Buffalo, or Crow Run oil sand, and this sand has been producing oil for thirty-four years.

The depth is from 150 to 200 feet. The measurements indicated on the section map are from the Pittsburg Coal seam, which in this section, would come considerably above the surface, probably about 500 feet. Until recently most of the oil produced in Washington County came from the first and second Crow Run oil sand, but the big producing wells, which have made Marietta a prominent oil town, were put down to a depth of 1,500 to 1,600 feet below the Pittsburg Coal seam into the sands known as the Berea sand in the State reports. The Corning field, in Perry County, get their oil from this same pool. In this immediate vicinity this sand is reached at a depth of from 1,100 to 1,200 feet from the surface. Large quan-



ties of oil have been found in the Waverly sands, in Monroe County, and in Tyler and Wetzel Counties, in West Virginia. And the indications are very good for getting oil from this same sand in the extreme western part of Washington County, near Cutler Station. This sand is 1,200 to 1,300 feet below the Pittsburgh Coal seam and 700 to 800 feet below the surface in this section. Natural gas is found in all the oil-producing sands, though confined to much narrower limits than the oil pools. It has sometimes happened that the first hole put down in supposed oil territory has struck a gusher, but usually the rich fields are only found after continuous search and repeated failure. There is encouragement for the people of Athens in the fact that there is a producing well on Hudson's Addition, inside the city limits, and the prospects are good for oil in paying quantities.

#### OF THINGS NEEDFUL

Athens County being rich, both in mineral and agricultural land, it follows that the conditions are here for cheap fuel and cheap raw material. The county is intersected by three railway lines and has unexcelled shipping facilities in all directions. It is an educational centre and contains a cultured, intelligent and progressive population. Any kind of manufacturing business that uses steam as a motive power can produce their products here at the minimum cost, but the one industry above all others that would grow here like seed in fallow soil, is the creation of clay art goods and high-grade pottery. The finest clay in the world for this class of work may be had in inexhaustible quantities by driftings; fuel and other minerals necessary for burning may be obtained from the same hill. All the conditions for the production of high-class goods, and getting them to all the markets of the country, meet here as they do in but few places on earth. The Hocking Valley should be to this country what Leeds is to England, the centre of the pottery industry in all its branches.

Athens' future will be very much what her own people decree that it shall be. Prosperity comes to communities very much as it



CHILDREN'S HOME

does to individuals. The man who plans intelligently and labors perseveringly reaches his goal; the one who sits quietly waiting for his ship to come in rarely ever sees it. It does not require the wisdom of a Solomon to see that the highest prosperity to the county will come from the development of her mineral resources, and the addition of manufacturing industries. Outside capital will come in just as soon as it is demonstrated that there is here a means for its profitable employment. There is capital, brain and brawn in abundance here, but there is lack of organized and systematic effort for the advancement of public weal. "Coming events cast their shadows before." The day is not far distant when these forces will join and the result will be both an increase of wealth and an increase in numbers.

# ATHENS

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“THE UNIVERSITY CITY,” like her ancient prototype, is set upon a hill and like her, is noted for the intelligence, culture and patriotism of its citizens. Her name reaches far back into the dim and mythical past, while the city itself, with her solid industries, substantial business houses, well-paved and well-lighted streets, excellent water system, beautiful residences and well-ordered municipal government is a typical up-to-date American city and a bright example of nineteenth century civilization.

Athens is the county seat and the centre of a population of nearly forty thousand people, and is unquestionably the oldest, most compactly built and wealthiest town in the county. Numerous macadamized roads lead into the city from all directions, and all parts of the country have contributed to her prestige. All the railway lines that enter the county converge at Athens and her shipping and transportation facilities to all points of the compass are unexcelled. As a wide-awake, progressive municipality, Athens has won an enviable reputation in the business and commercial world, as it also has in the field of letters and jurisprudence. As stated in the introduction, it is not the intention to present a history in this work. The space necessary to do this is not at our disposal, and furthermore, the reiteration of a myriad of facts with which every

school boy is, or ought to be, familiar, would be an onerous and profitless undertaking. The mere chronological recitation of facts has no place in this book, and therefore we shall confine our efforts more particularly to Athens, as it is, and to the future possibilities of the city, though we shall not lose sight of the past altogether.

One question over which considerable speculation has arisen in recent years, is, how Athens received its name. The founders of the town were, some of them, men of considerable scholarly attainments, and it is known that they had very high hopes and ambitions for this offspring of their labors, and there is little doubt but that the history of ancient Athens, as well as its site and topographical surroundings, were in their minds and had a strong influence in their selection of a cognomen for the embryo city. They were disappointed in the fruition of their hopes during their lives, but a century later the fair city of which they dreamed had become a reality, and the institution of learning which they endowed with their best efforts became a vast influence for the elevation of the State's posterity. The wisdom of their choice of both name and location has been borne out by the events of a century.

Athens has no public gardens. Nature has done so much in the way of natural beauty that parks would seem to be a superfluity. The rugged hills on every side, the fertile grass-covered lowlands



LOOKING NORTHWEST





STREET SCENES



and the tortuous channel of the sometimes turbid Hocking, present a landscape as picturesque as can be found anywhere, and appropriately may one declare:

"I've wander'd long and wander'd far  
And never have I met  
In all this western land,  
A spot so lovely yet."

The grounds of the Ohio Hospital, which comprise some two hundred acres, are highly cultivated and the fine natural park has been embellished with all the skill of the expert landscape gardener, and is surpassed by but few public gardens in any city. These grounds are always open to the public.

Athens has all the artificial advantages of the modern city. The latest improved water system which furnishes the city with the purest water; the principal streets of the city are paved with brick blocks, and both gas and electricity are used in lighting the city.

Athens is the symbol of progress, beauty, erudition, the latter, perhaps, being her most marked characteristic.

In population, the city cannot boast of great many thousands, but in the character, intelligence and progressiveness of its citizens, Athens is the peer of any city in the land. In laying the foundation stone for their superstructure, the primitive builders of the city

planned wisely and well. The growth that followed was of the enduring kind. The social foundation was laid broad and deep on the permanent basis of universal knowledge, culture and patriotism. Inspirations gathered here have left their elevating influence on mankind in every part of the country. Athens' sons have added dignity and influence to every profession of life, and have won distinction in both State and National affairs.

The history of the University, the county and the town of Athens are inseparably connected. The first settlers to locate within the present city limits came here in the spring of 1797; the town was not laid out until 1804, and was not incorporated until 1811, though it was authorized by an act of the Legislature in February, 1800.

The first sale of lots took place in November, 1804, twenty-seven lots being sold at that time at an average of \$42.28 apiece. This, indeed, was a good price for town lots when it is remembered that the county for scores of miles in every direction was an unbroken forest, and that the best land could be bought at five dollars an acre. It is evident that the early settlers had a great deal of faith in the future of the infant city, as they were the largest purchasers of land, though a desire, perhaps, to help the College was the chief cause of their liberality.

For the first fifty years of its existence, the town was nothing more than a trading centre for a rural population, with no advan-

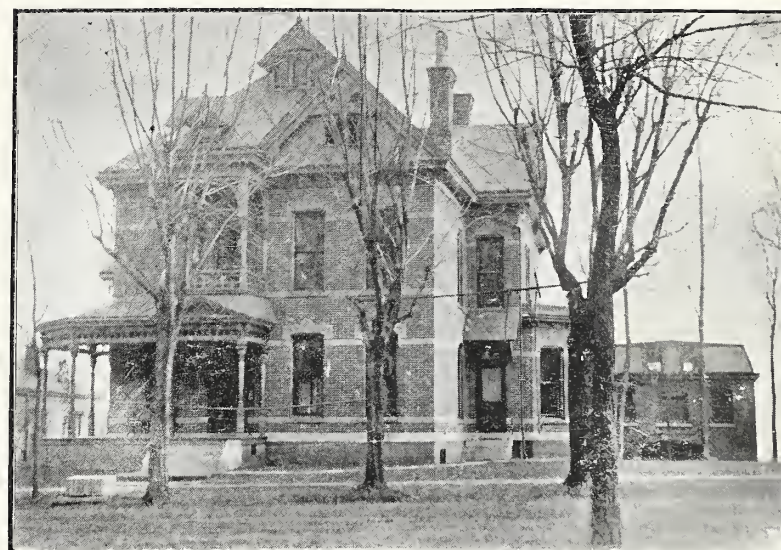


LOOKING SOUTH





H. H. WICKHAM'S RESIDENCE



E. J. JONES' RESIDENCE



STACY WOLF'S RESIDENCE



L. M. JEWETT'S RESIDENCE





PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

tages over surrounding villages, except what the College and county seat gave.

In 1811, when the town was incorporated, it had a population of about 200. The surplus agricultural products were floated down the Hocking and Ohio Rivers to southern markets, while the meager wants of the people for merchandise, not supplied by home manufacture, were supplied from eastern markets. From that time forward there was but little development in the way of commerce until the completion to Athens of the Hocking Canal in 1841. This stimulated trade and from that time to the present, Athens has steadily advanced until it is one of the greatest trade centers in the Hocking Valley.

In 1820 the town had a population of about 400, and for the succeeding thirty years its growth was slow but constant. In 1850 its population had reached about 1,000. The completion of the Marietta and Cincinnati Railroad, in 1856, added greatly to the commercial facilities of Athens, and considerably accelerated its growth.

In 1860 the town had 1,600 inhabitants. The growth and business of the town were practically on a standstill between 1860 and 1870. Over half the male population between the ages of 18 and 48 had entered the army during the four years' war, and many of the boys left their bodies on the battlefields of the sunny South or perished in hospitals or southern prisons.

The town made substantial progress between the years of 1870 and 1880, the census at the latter date showing a population of 2,450, and a greater gain in wealth than in any decade in its history.

The Hocking Valley Railway was completed to Athens in 1873, giving shippers additional markets and opening up a direct communication with the northwest for the mineral products of the county. The activity in mining which followed the advent of this road greatly increased the prosperity of the town, and for the first time in its history it took on a commercial aspect.

Three events that may be characterized as epoch in her history took place during this decade, viz.: The completion of the new State Insane Asylum in 1874, which was authorized by the State Legislature in 1867, at a cost of \$400,000; work was begun in 1868 and six years were consumed in its construction; the completion of a fine city hall and postoffice in 1875, and the beginning of work on the elegant new Court House, a cut of which appears on the first page of this work. The era of progress which marked this decade was continued during the next ten years, and the census of 1890



LAW BUILDING



BOATING IN HOSPITAL PARK

showed that Athens had made wonderful strides forward, adding, during the period, over fifty per cent. to her population and having distanced many towns that were her rivals in 1880.

In 1885 Athens became the northern terminus of the Kanawha and Michigan R. R. and the southern terminus of the Ohio Central Lines, giving her additional outlets and making this the greatest railroad center in southeastern Ohio.

Private improvements kept pace with the public improvements, many substantial business houses and commodious and elegant homes arose in all parts of the city. The volume of commercial business of the town moved along with its growth in other directions and the small general stores have given place to large mercantile emporiums that are modern in every particular and both aggressive and progressive in their business methods.

A number of industrial enterprises, which will be noted in their proper place, were additions to the growth of the town that contribu-

ted largely to the general prosperity and the commercial importance of the place.

In the description of commercial and industrial Athens which follows, requisition has been made on the photographic camera which will convey a truer impression of the town than can any word-picture, however well it may be drawn. Not all the business interests of the town are shown, but most of the wide-awake, progressive, public-spirited citizens who count for anything in the growth of the city are represented in some manner on these pages. It is inevitable that every town must have some people that are an incumbrance to its growth, and when such men get in high places they stop the growth of a town as effectually as if it was walled up and sealed in. Fortunately the great majority of the people who make up the city of Athens are generous, high-minded and public-spirited, and it is in this fact, as much as in its location and surroundings, that one sees her bright outlook for the future.

#### ATHENS COUNTY CHILDREN'S HOME

The pessimistic view that the world is growing morally worse is not borne out by the conditions that surround us. As culture and wealth increase the spark of philanthropy in the breast of man expands and the practical result of this sentiment is seen in our numerous charitable institutions that are fostered by public or private support.

One of the many institutions provided for the reception of the unfortunate of the country is the Children's Home. For hundreds of homeless waifs this institution has proven and is proving the earthly kingdom of heaven. From grewsome scenes of want and woe they are transferred to this hospitable home, where their little lives are filled with the gladsome sunshine of sweet existence. From stifling social environments in many cases, the parentless children are taken to the home of comfort, where, surrounded by elevating moral and intellectual influences, they soon become the useful men and women of the land. Possibly the Athens County Children's Home is as little known as any other charitable institution, yet it is one of the most commendable philanthropies that the county has to its credit. It is a modest, unassuming institution, but the good that is being done will live after it.

The Children's Home farm was purchased in 1881 by private subscription. It lies about one mile east of Athens, and consists of



one hundred and twenty-five acres. A large portion of the land lies along the Hocking River and is composed of rich alluvial deposits; while the rest is fertile hill land. When the farm was purchased but one small house stood on it, but since that time many large buildings have been erected, and now every accommodation is afforded.

Since its establishment everything that would assist in making the institution self-sustaining has been done. A fine orchard of eleven acres has been planted and when seasons are favorable the institution is bountifully supplied with many varieties of early and late fruits. This year about six acres are devoted to gardens, and over one acre is devoted to the production of strawberries, raspberries and other small fruit. That the Home is conducted on economical and business principles is demonstrated by the fact that last year over one hundred and fifty dollars' worth of garden produce was sold, after amply providing for the necessary consumption in the Home. Not only does the Home supply itself with dairy products, but in 1894, one hundred and five dollars' worth of butter was sold, and in 1893 one hundred and seventeen dollars' worth was produced above Home consumption.

The farm is provided with every convenience that all well-regulated farms should have. There you will find barns, smoke-house,

shoe shop, blacksmith shop, carpenter shop, in fact everything is so arranged that it is not necessary to leave the farm to have repairing done.

There are four dormitories, one for babies, one for girls, one for second-class boys and one for large boys. It would be unquestionably a pleasant sight to a first-class housekeeper to walk through the large, airy, comfortable dormitories, filled with rows of soft beds which are covered with spotless, immaculate spreads, while the varnished floor fairly glistens with cleanliness. Every department is clean, neat and cozy, and makes a cheerful home for the many homeless waifs.

Education here is compulsory, all inmates must attend, the school rooms being on the first floor of the brick building, and are presided over by competent teachers.

The Home is prettily located, standing about eighty yards from the public road, with a well-arranged yard of two acres in front. This is covered with closely-cropped grass and is adorned with shrubbery and trees, though they are young and produce as yet but little shade.

Since the establishment of the institution, three superintendents have had charge—Rev. Norse, Wm. A. Thomas and Mr. Elza Armstrong, the present manager.



BARTLETT AND KURTZ RESIDENCE



CAPT. J. B. ALLEN'S RESIDENCE



# OHIO UNIVERSITY

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**W**E shall not use the space at our command in writing of what this institution was or has been, but what it is to-day. Its history began with the organization of the Northwest Territory and may be traced through the State records down to the present time. What it has accomplished may be read in the lives of men who have gained prominence and distinction in all the professions and vocations of life. Its fitness to live is best evinced by the fact that it did live through the trying years of its early career. It gained strength and widened its sphere of usefulness with each passing year. During the past quarter century its advancement has been more rapid and the past five years have been the brightest in its history. Each year witnesses an increased attendance. The present school year, so far, is ahead of all former records. From a single preceptor in the days when Thomas Ewing, Sr., owned the institution as his Alma Mater, the faculty has grown to nearly thirty professors and instructors, among whom may be named some whose reputations are national in educational circles, while all will compare favorably with any institution of learning in the State. The individual members of the faculty as at present constituted are: Prof.

Isaac Crook, LL. D., President; Chas. W. Super, A. M., Ph. LL. D., professor of Greek and ethics; David J. Evans, professor of Latin;

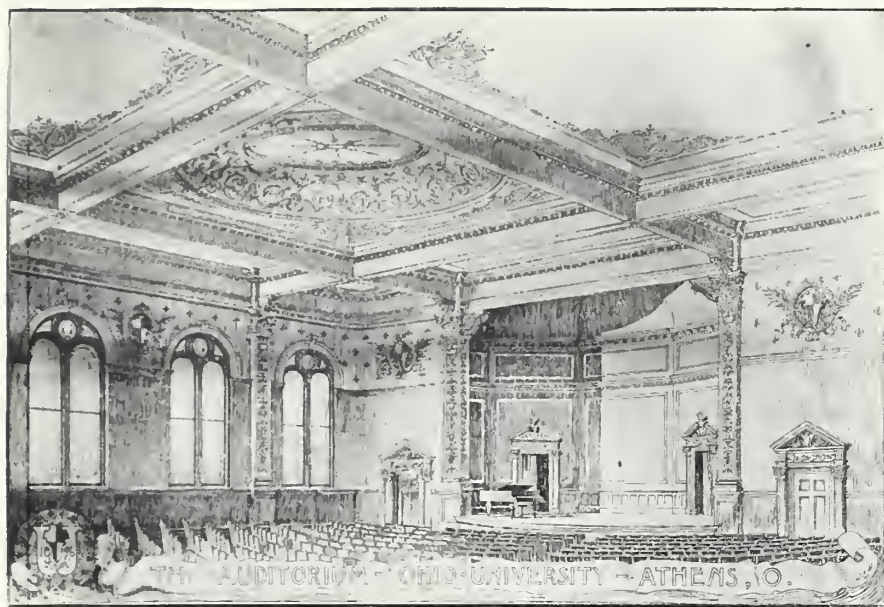
Wm. H. Hoover, professor of mathematics; Arthur Allin, professor of philosophy; Willis Boughton, professor of rhetoric and English literature; H. E. Chapin, professor of biology; I. W. Faye, professor of chemistry; A. A. Atkinson, professor of physics and electricity; Eli Dunkle, associate professor of Greek, and Principal of Preparatory Department; H. M. Conway, associate professor of Latin; B. O. Higley, associate professor of history and political economy; Kate Cranz, associate professor in modern languages; Catherine A. Findlay, associate professor of elocution and reading; Myrtle Stinson, instrumental music; Lulu C. King, vocal music; J. Shumate; Clyde Brown, associate professor in

philosophy; F. C. Schofield, tutor in English; Sarah Stinson, instructor in drawing and painting; Charles M. Copeland, instructor in commercial branches; Mabel K. Brown, Ph. B., instructor in stenography and typewriting; Francis H. Super, assistant in electrical engineering; Ralph Super, tutor in Latin.

Two years ago the State Legislature made a perpetual annual appropriation of \$33,000, which is equal to an endowment of \$750,-



ADMINISTRATION BUILDING, OHIO UNIVERSITY



ooo. This, with the income arising from college lands and other sources, puts the University in easy financial circumstances and warrants the employment of able instructors as well as the procurement of the best mechanical appliances used in modern teaching. The chapel is a new building of pleasing architectural design; the older buildings have, in late years, been repaired and modernized. The campus now bears a very striking likeness to a well-kept park. The new building now in course of construction, and which will be completed during the present year, will be far the most imposing of the group, and one of the very finest college buildings in the State. The auditorium will be one of the most beautiful and spacious halls in Southern Ohio, with a stage ample enough for any purpose. The front and west elevation of the new building is shown in accompanying illustration, but it only conveys a suggestion of the handsome design and symmetrical proportions of the buildings itself. It is being constructed under the direct supervision of practical men and is admirably arranged for the purpose for which it is designed. The interior is finished in hardwood and is fitted throughout with all the modern conveniences.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees, who have the matter in charge, deserve high praise for the very conscientious manner in which they discharged the duties imposed upon them. If they do not receive public encomiums for labor faithfully performed

they certainly will have both the thanks and gratitude of the faculty and students who will meet there in the years to come. With the completion of this building, the institution can accommodate several hundred more students, and do them justice. The names and addresses of the Executive Committee mentioned above are: Dr. Isaac Crook, President of the Board; L. M. Jewett, Secretary; Major J. M. Welch, Evan J. Jones, Major Chas. Townsend, of Athens; George W. Boice, of Cincinnati, and ———, of ———. Major Welch acts for the Board in personal supervision of the work, and it could not be in better hands.

Not the least pleasant feature of college life at the Ohio University is its beautiful location. The buildings are grouped near the centre of the campus, which slopes gently in every direction, and are surrounded by stately trees of mature growth. Some of these trees spread their protecting branches over the heads of the first settlers and form a connecting link between the opening and closing years of the century. Were they speech-inspired what reminiscences they could relate. The College grounds were laid out before the town was platted, getting the choicest location, and is now in the center of the best residence portion of the city, beautiful homes facing the College grounds at every angle. Every part of the town is within easy reach of the students who may prefer to room with private families. There is not another college in the State offering the same advantages, where so much may be obtained at so small an outlay of money.



PROF. SUPER'S RESIDENCE





FLOOR PLAN AUDITORIUM  
CHAPEL

MAIN HALL (ERECTED IN 1817)  
GENERAL VIEW GROUNDS  
INTERIOR CHAPEL

EAST WING  
WEST WING



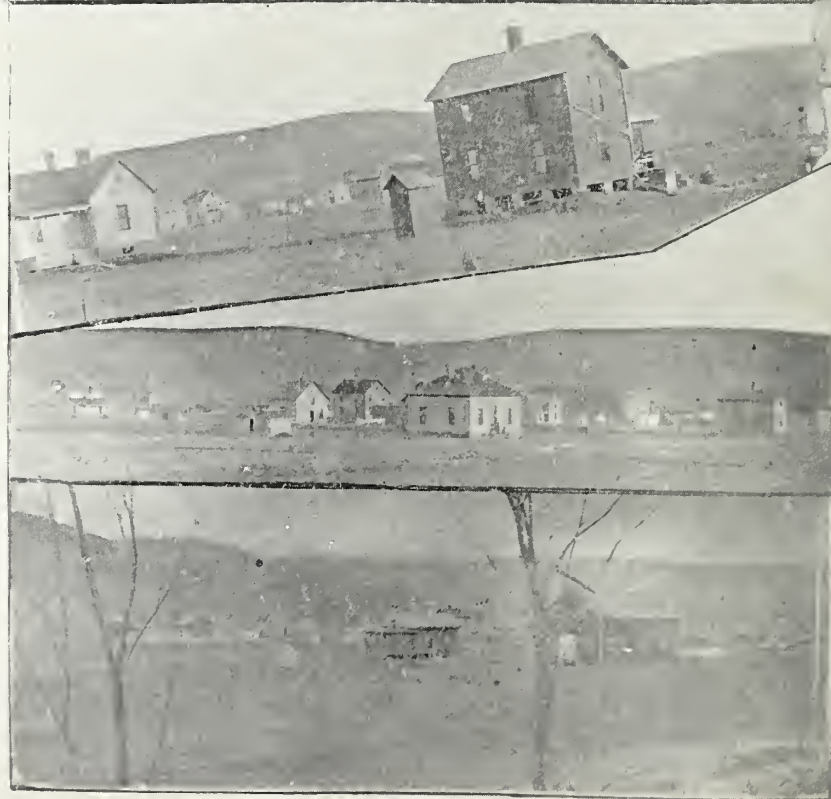
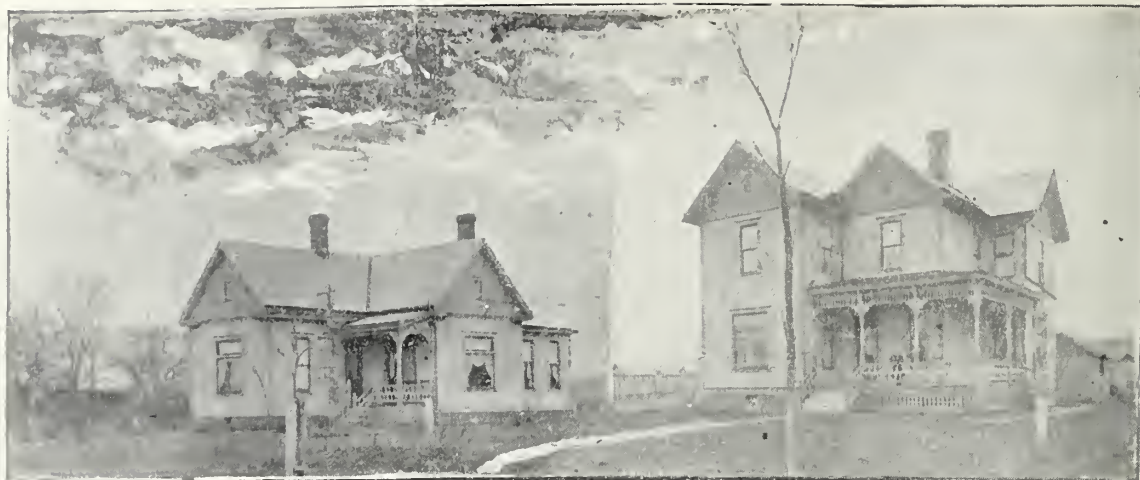
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# INDUSTRIAL AND COMMERCIAL

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## THE HUDSON SCHOOL FURNITURE CO.

One of the largest manufacturing establishments in Southeastern Ohio is the Hudson School Furniture Company of Athens. It is a joint stock company of \$100,000, and is the largest plant in the United States, or anywhere else so far as we know, devoted exclusively to the manufacture of school furniture. They make a fine line of stationary and adjustable school desks, and all necessary furniture for school rooms and opera houses and halls. Their school desks and opera chairs are all made of white oak, have superior finish, and while it is more expensive in first cost, it is by all odds cheaper in the end than the goods put on the market by competitive firms, and the one reliable test, that of time, has demonstrated the fact conclusively. Their rapidly-increasing trade, which expands with each succeeding year, is the strongest possible endorsement of the appearance, excellence and superior wearing qualities of their productions. Their furniture is now sold in nearly every State in the Union, but their largest trade comes from the middle and eastern States. The Hudson Bros. are the principal owners and have absolute control of the business. S. M. Hudson is President and W. C. Hudson is Secretary and Treasurer. While careful and conservative in their business methods, and have been very successful, they are progressive, and there is no enterprise that has for its object the improvement of Athens, that they are not ready to contribute liberally of their means and energy. They have taken an active and leading part in the hunt for oil and gas in this territory and the nerve

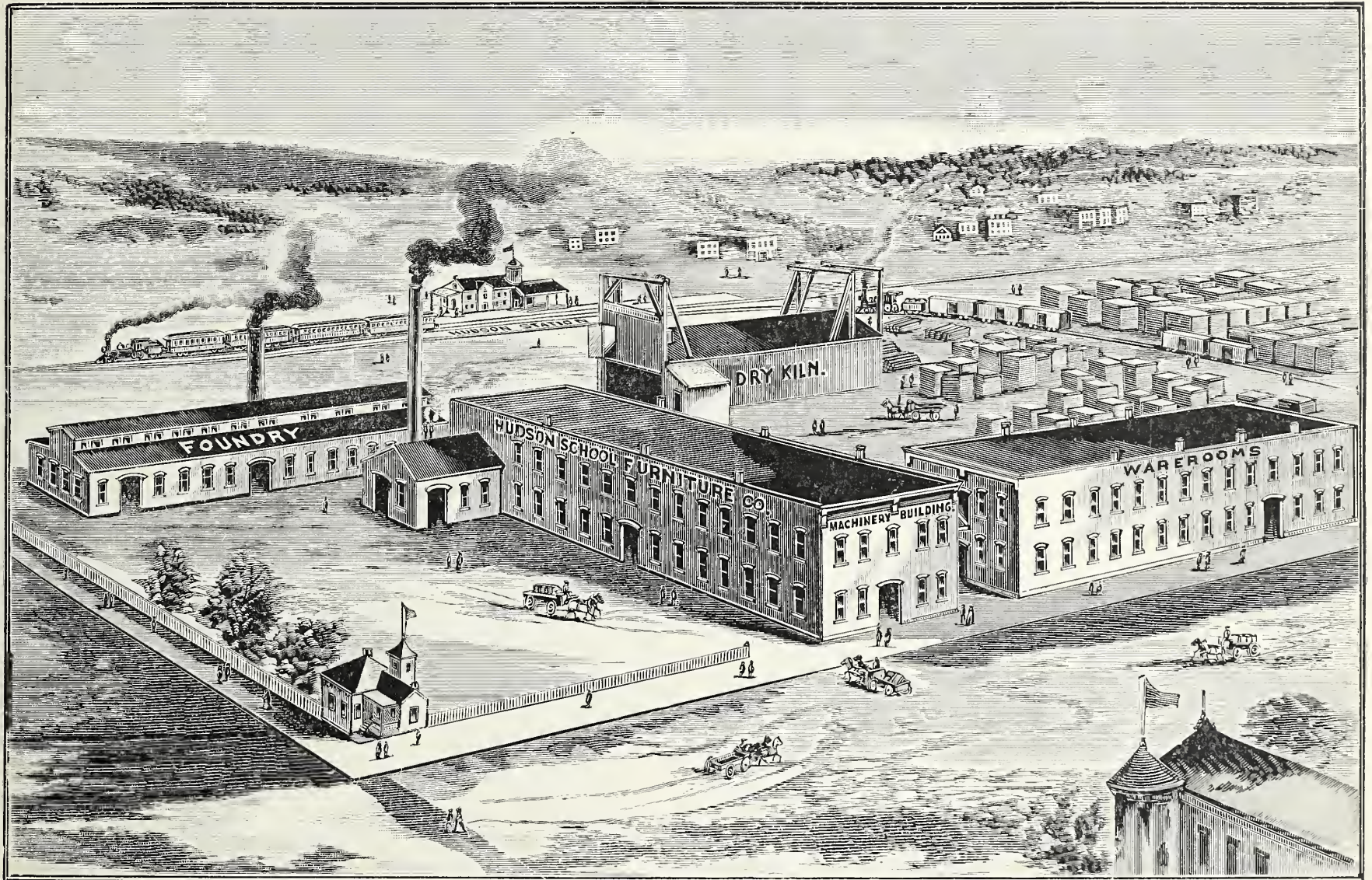


S. M. HUDSON'S RESIDENCE

W. C. HUDSON'S RESIDENCE

GLIMPSES OF HUDSON'S ADDITION





HUDSON BROTHERS SCHOOL FURNITURE CO.,



they and their associates of the Athens Oil and Gas Co. have shown in pushing developments may demonstrate that the oil fields and gas belt extend under the very foundations of this classic little city. The beacon light that waves in the breeze over the Hudson addition like a starry flag, both by day and by night, is burning gas from the well this company put down; the same well also producing several barrels of oil per day, but it is not flowing well so far, though it may be after being shot. Both the brothers reside in the Hudson addition, which is rapidly growing and promises to be one of the most attractive sections of Athens. Views from different points are shown in accompanying illustration.

### CLINE'S PHARMACY

Of all the different branches of retail trade, there are none, perhaps, with a more cosmopolitan patronage than the drug store. The "up-to-date" drug store is something widely different from the apothecary shop of a few years ago. From the most dingy, they have grown to be the handsomest of all the various kinds of retail stores. A very large part of their business is in fancy and toilet articles, perfumes, fine cigars and tobacco.

Of the stores in this line that have made a reputation for excellence and progressive ideas, the pharmacy of J. Halliday Cline, in Athens, is one of the finest and best equipped in this section of the State. It is located one door south of the Court House, and has been a drug stand for over thirty years. John Perkins started a "Medicine Store" in this room in 1870, and it is known to this day as "Perkins' old stand." In June, 1894, Mr. Cline purchased the stock of drugs, chemicals, patent medicines, toilet articles, perfumery, cigars, etc., owned by W. A. Hibbard and increased the already large stock, with the view of doing a wholesale business in connection with the retail.

Mr. Cline is a native of Meigs County, and is the son of F. Marion Cline, the former Steward of the Athens State Hospital for the Insane. He served an apprenticeship of five years with E. Davis & Co., of Middleport, O., and after graduating from the Philadelphia College of Pharmacy, followed by an experience of a year in the large drug and chemical house of L. C. Funk, of that city, he is thoroughly competent to compound all prescriptions given him. In his employ will be found the genial George L. Saunders, of Lancaster, O., a graduate of the pharmaceutical department of the Ohio Normal University, Ada, O.

The beautiful exterior of Mr. Cline's soda fountain is certainly



CLINE'S PHARMACY

a good index of the quality of the soda water which he dispenses, and that it is appreciated is shown by the enormous trade he has established for this most popular of all summer drinks.

A better idea of the appearance of their fine business room is conveyed in the accompanying illustration, than we could possibly give in a written description. In such a stock as he carries it would be hard to ask for any article in this line that he does not have. His large business is the best recommendation as to the quality of goods, correctness of prices, and proper treatment of patrons.





HENRY O'BLENNESS' RESIDENCE



C. L. POSTON'S RESIDENCE



ANDREW ULLOA'S RESIDENCE



C. H. GROSVENOR'S RESIDENCE



### F. E. GOLDSBERRY, Hardware and House Furnishings.

Something more than a year ago Mr. F. E. Goldsberry bought out the old and well-known hardware business of George Ullom, on South Court street, and the changes he has made both in the character of the stock and manner of doing business will increase the large trade which his predecessors had built up in former years. Mr. Goldsberry is after the close trade, and everybody in these times wants his dollar to reach as far as possible, and has adopted the only safe and sure plan to get it. He buys and sells for cash exclusively.



F. E. GOLDSBERRY'S STORE

This effects a big saving at both ends. He gets a shave by using only cash in making his purchases that the time buyer cannot get; and he not only saves the losses that are inevitable in a credit business, but can turn his capital over two or three times where he could once when most of his sales went on his ledger instead of in his cash drawer.

In addition to his large stock of shelf hardware he carries a large line of cooking and heating stoves, sheet iron ware of all kinds, kitchen and cooking utensils, nickel-plated coffee and teapots, cutlery, silver-plated knives, forks and spoons; wire screen windows and doors; paints, oils and glass; farmers' supplies, and everything

else pertaining to his line of business. He fully appreciates the advantages the cash system has, both for the buyer and seller, and he cordially invites the buying public to come in and look over his prices, when they can learn for themselves that it pays to trade at the cash store. Mr. Goldsberry is not a stranger to the Athens County public, having been connected with his predecessors for a number of years, where by his obliging disposition, affable manners and close attention to business he won the good will of their patrons and created a wide circle of friends.

### ATHENS LUMBER CO.

Of which an illustration is shown on the opposite page, is not only the largest of its kind in the county, but in this section of the State. The company have branches at Nelsonville, Trimble and Glouster in this county. Athens is their headquarters and here the office is located. The plant is situated in the bottom in the western part of the city and covers about two acres of ground. It is a marvel of convenience. There are buildings for everything, and everything is kept in its place. There are three large lumber sheds, one 128x18 feet and the others 140x18 feet in dimensions. Tracks are laid over the entire yard. They have two special sidings running from the Baltimore & Ohio main line, and their arrangement for unloading lumber from the cars is made most convenient by having a platform which stands on a level with the floor of the car. The sash and glazing room is 30x48 feet, and the steam dry-house, one of the very best to be found in any establishment, is 22x30 feet. The engine-room is 10x40 feet, and in which is found a Cooper-Corless engine, which for the nicety of mechanical adjustment cannot be excelled. One of the most complete arrangements is the Arlington & Curtis air blast which carries all the shavings made by the planers in the main building and feeds them to the furnace in the boiler room. This room is 10x30 feet, and the two-story main building is 72x88 feet. The plant is equipped with the latest improved machinery. The company carry a full stock of dressed lumber, hair, lime, cement, rock-wall plaster, lath and shingles, and are prepared to supply builders and contractors in large or small quantities. The company handle between three and four million feet of lumber a year, and their trade extends from Zanesville and Parkersburg on the east to Cincinnati on the west and from Columbus to the Ohio River. Their main office is at Athens and all their branch offices





THE -ATHENS LUMBER COMPANY-





are connected by their own telephone line, thirty-three miles in length. The company was organized in 1891 with a capital stock of \$50,000, and is a joint stock company. The present board of directors are S. F. Wolfe, H. D. Henry, Harry Allen, Dr. W. N. Alderman and J. W. Bryson. The officers are S. F. Wolfe, President; H. D. Henry, Treasurer, and Harry Allen, Secretary. The firm is enterprising and progressive in their business methods, and from their long experience in the business and unexcelled facilities for turning out building material at the minimum cost, they are able to meet competition and control the trade of a wide territory. Prompt attention to orders, fair and generous dealing, and courteous treatment are characteristic features for which they have become noted during the years of their successful business career.

#### F. S. GRONES, Gents' Furnishing Goods

The subject of this sketch, F. S. Grones, the popular dealer in gents' furnishings, began business for himself in 1885 by purchasing the stock of china and glassware of Ryan & Bell. Prior to that time he was in the employ of John P. Dana, and later on of Kaler & Craig. After engaging in the chinaware business he added a fine line of gents' furnishing goods, and has been successful to a marked degree in his undertaking. By close attention to business and courteous

treatment towards the purchasing public he has succeeded in establishing a trade second to none in the Hocking Valley in his line of goods. He studies the wants of the people and keeps his line of goods up to the standard in point of quality and style. He believes that to be out of the fashion one might just as well be out of the world, therefore the latest and most fashionable goods are displayed on his shelves. Aside from his furnishing goods he is associated with Henry Link, under the firm name of Link & Grones, in tailoring business. This branch of the business is under the supervision of Mr. Link, who ranks with the best cutters in the State of Ohio. Mr. Grones is very popular with the people and served four years as member of the Athens City Council. He eschews politics, however, and reached his present enviable position in the mercantile world by attending closely to business and making his store a reflex of the most advanced ideas of up-to-date merchandise. His store is a credit both to himself and to the town. Beginning without any resources but those which nature gave him, he, by his pluck, perseverance and good management arose from an employe to be the proprietor of the finest store in his line of business in Southeastern Ohio. He closed out the chinaware part of his business some years ago in order to give room to make his store the emporium of fashion it has now grown to be.



F. S. GRONE'S STORE

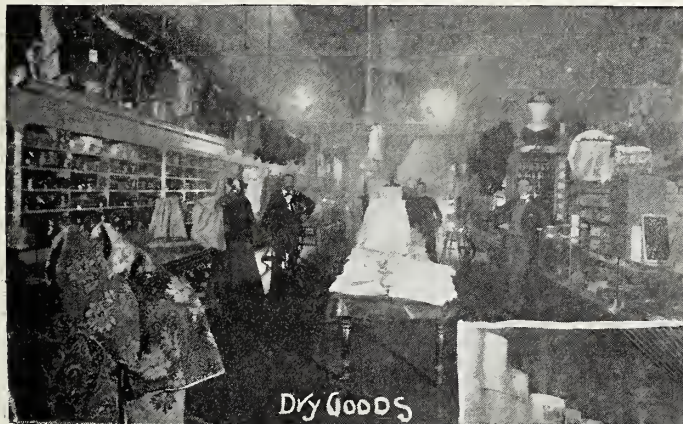


INTERIOR SLOAN-BURRELL'S TONSORIAL PARLORS



**D. ZENNER & CO., Leaders in Dry Goods and Clothing**

For 45 years the firm name of D. Zenner & Co. has been one of the most conspicuous in the business calendar of Athens County.



The founder of the business, whose name the firm yet bears, was gathered to his fathers some years ago, but the principles of strict business integrity, which is the bulwark and corner-stone of their business formation, still lives in the present management and adds to the strength of the house with each succeeding year. The present firm is composed of Mr. Henry Zenner and Leopold Friday. Both were reared in business circles and both have a natural aptitude for business, possessing in an eminent degree the tact of gaining and retaining the confidence of their patrons. Courteous treatment goes a long way in creating trade, but only fair and honest treatment will retain it. The one inflexible rule of this house is the

**ONE-PRICE SYSTEM.**

In fixing their selling price on their goods, the question does not arise, "What will they bring," but what is the lowest possible

price at which they can be sold, is the governing question. Fixing a price upon their goods they intend shall be permanent, they are too wise to make the mistake of placing that price too high. The system, in fact, leads to the other extreme—very low prices—because they must be such as no competitor can afford to undersell.

Their large business, wide acquaintance and well-known resources place them in a position for obtaining goods direct from manufacturers and importers at the lowest prices going, hence they can successfully meet competition from any source. In their large double rooms on Court street they carry one of the largest stocks of general dry goods, clothing, hats, ladies' and gents' furnishings, millinery, carpets and housekeeping dry goods in the county. Their position as leaders in the retail business of the county not only places them in a position to take bargains whenever offered, but that other advantage which their fine trade in high class goods gives them, makes their store headquarters for new novelties in their



lines in every department of the house. There never was a time in the history of the house when they were better prepared to offer great inducements to buyers than in this centennial year.



### FIRST NATIONAL BANK

This is the oldest banking institution in the county, organized in 1863, under the national banking laws of the United States, with a capital stock of \$50,000. It was rechartered in 1883 with the same amount and at present has a surplus of nearly \$20,000. The institution, from its inception, has been ably and wisely managed and is recognized as among the safe and conservative banks of the State.

They do a general banking business, receiving deposits, negotiating loans, making collections, discount approved commercial paper and government and local securities.

Their business career entitles them to the fullest confidence of the public, which they have to an unlimited degree. The well known fact that they confine themselves to a strictly legitimate banking business and handle only paper of undoubted security, has gained for them a long list of depositors from all parts of Athens and adjacent counties. During all the financial storms that have passed over the country within the period of the bank's history, no breath of suspicion has ever been uttered against the First National Bank of Athens and no call made to which there was not an immediate response.



EXTERIOR FIRST NATIONAL BANK

### ATHENS BUILDING AND LOAN CO.

Is organized under the Building and Loan Association laws of the State of Ohio, with an authorized capital of \$500,000. Its objects, as briefly stated in their prospectus, are:

First—Of furnishing a convenient, safe, and profitable means of investment for large or small amounts, thus enabling any person who can make a small monthly saving to become a capitalist.

Second—Of furnishing those who wish to borrow money for any purpose, and who prefer to repay in small monthly payments, the means of doing so at a reasonable rate of interest.

Third—To make provision, through its connection with a reliable Life Insurance Company, for either the investor or borrower, at a very slight cost, to provide for the maturity of his stock or cancellation of his mortgage in case of death.

This company thus brings together the methods and principles of two old and well tried institutions.

These institutions have been styled the banks of the people and they truly are in every way but one, they have all the advantages without the liability. The profits go to the shareholders and not to the corporation. Many of the attractive homes that adorn the town were made possible through the aid offered by this association. Properly managed they are a boon to the man of small means who wishes to become the possessor of a home, and by their help every industrious, frugal man may become a property holder. The offi-



BUILDING AND LOAN OFFICE—INTERIOR FIRST NATIONAL BANK

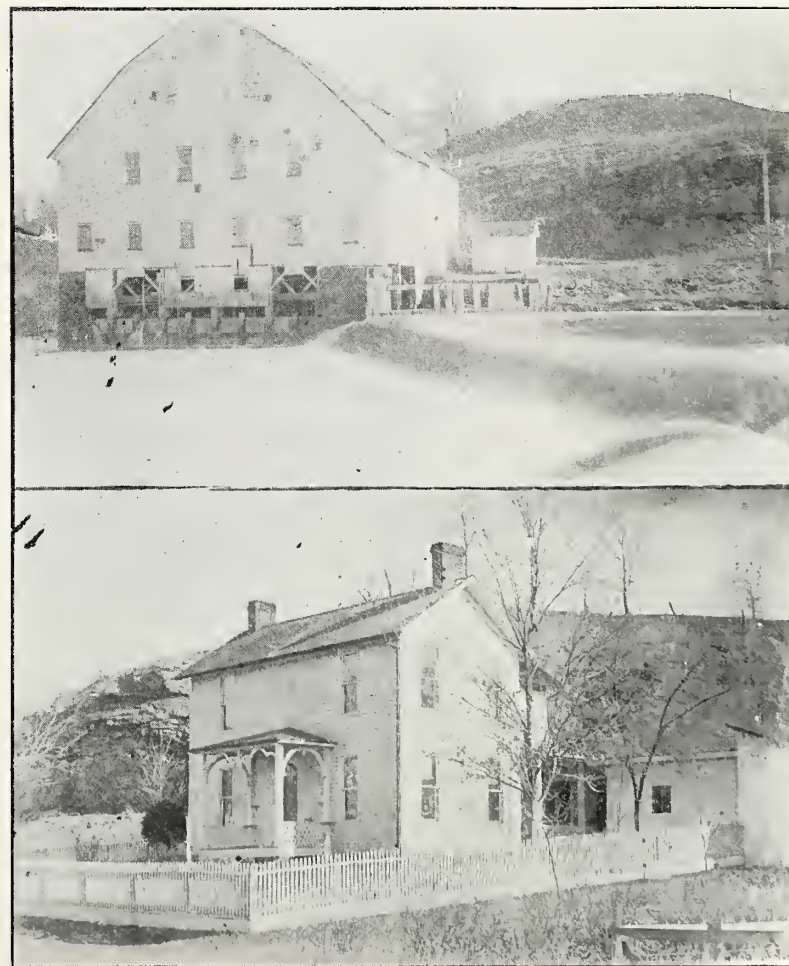
cers and directors are: S. F. Wolf, President; D. H. Moore, Secretary; S. N. Hobson, Treasurer; Peter Kern, E. R. Lash, J. C. Campbell, L. H. Reutinger, George Peters. The management are all men of undoubted ability and integrity. The office is at the First National Bank. Stock can be obtained of the Secretary at any time. Favorable terms are given depositing members. Interest is paid on deposits from the first of the month following the deposit, and may be checked upon at any time. Loans are made to both depositors and stockholders.

### HERROLD MILLS

Not only is this a landmark and one of the most celebrated mills in the valley, it is also a monument to the enterprise and business sagacity of one of the heroes of the Revolutionary war. Its origin dates back to 1816, and its founder was Captain Silas Bingham, who earned his military title in the seven-year struggle for liberty and independence. The mill remained in the possession of Captain Bingham until his death in 1840, and shortly afterwards passed into the control of Joseph Herrold, son-in-law of the founder and father of the present proprietor, Henry Herrold. True, the mill erected by Captain Bingham, with its single set of burrs, bore but little resemblance to the modern structure shown in the accompanying cut, the site being about all that remains of the original mill. The products of the mill have always had a deservedly high reputation and their output has always met a ready market in the town and surrounding country. To meet the increasing business of the mill and the growing demand for a high grade flour, Mr. Herrold, in 1885, changed the mill to the roller system, with a capacity of 75 barrels per day. Having a mill equal to the very best in the country, and being a practical miller with a thorough knowledge of every department of the business, he has raised the standard of his brands of flour to such a high degree of excellence that there are none better on the market. The benefits this mill has been to the people of the city of Athens and the surrounding country is inestimable. It creates a home demand for the wheat grown in the county and quotations here are equal to those on lake ports. Having an ample storage capacity, Mr. Herrold buys grain ahead of his wants, putting it in perfect condition before turning it into the hoppers of the mill. The leading brands of the Herrold mills are "White Loaf" and "Eclipse."

Our object is not to write of the merits of these brands, for that is well known, but to say that they are for sale by the leading gro-

cers of Athens County, or may be had by telephoning direct to the mill. For flour that will give satisfaction everywhere and under all circumstances, these brands may be relied upon. They are always the same and always at the top. One trial will convince any unbeliever of the fact of their supreme excellence. Corn meal and all kinds of mill feed in any quantities, either for shipment or domestic use. All orders are promptly filled by Mr. Herrold at market quotations on day received.



HERROLD MILLS AND RESIDENCE





H. D. HENRY'S RESIDENCE



JACOB WEIHR'S RESIDENCE



DR. ALDERMAN'S RESIDENCE

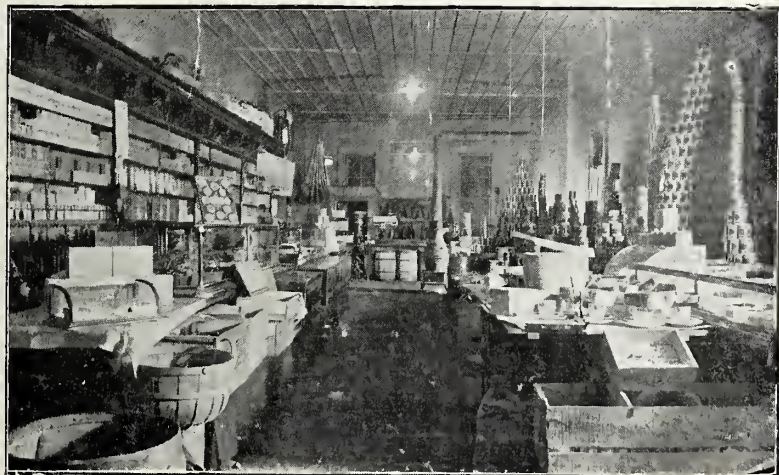


DR. A. F. HOLMES' RESIDENCE AND OFFICE, ALBANY, O.



**COTTON BROS.**

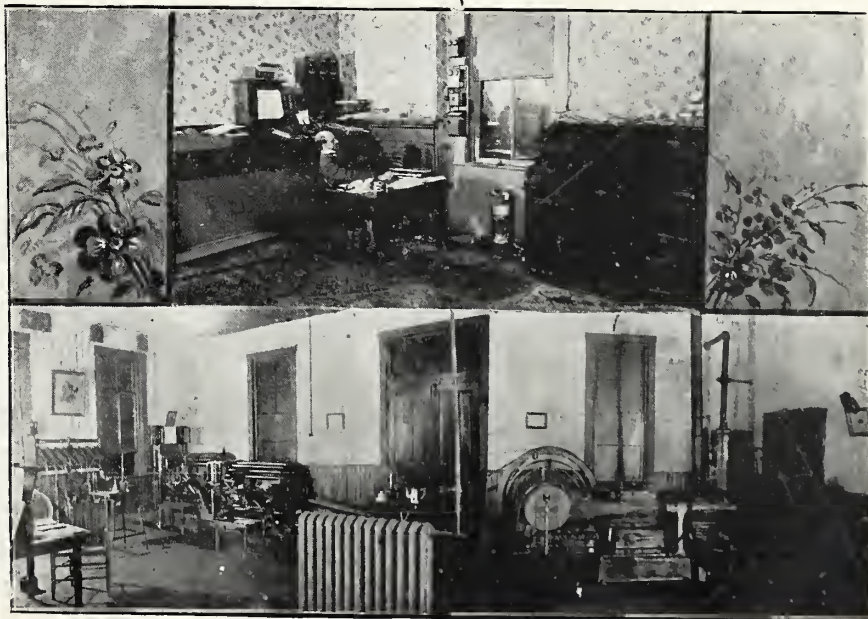
No firm in Athens has achieved more rapid and permanent success than that of Cotton Bros., grocers, whose commodious place of business is located on North Main street. Purchasing a stock of groceries in March, 1895, Messrs. Emmett and Lon Cotton began business for themselves, after having served a meritorious apprenticeship with experienced grocers of Athens. In a few months after launching their business they had secured a large and lucrative trade, and as the days go by their patronage is on a steady and substantial increase. Endowed with a tact which especially fits them for their business, they study the wants of their patrons, and with this constant assiduity they cannot fail to win the success which they deserve. Known over the city for their integrity, they have made for themselves a record for reliability which, when once established, is one of the best advertisements any firm can have. Not only in the society of Athens do the members take a high standing, but in the business and commercial world as well. Their stock of fancy and staple groceries are always up to date and present that fresh, inviting appearance ever to be found where a great volume of business is transacted. Employed in this establishment is their father, Mr. H. M. Cotton, who has graduated in the grocery business. Their establishment is conveniently located and it is with pleasure we call attention to this grocery and provision house, the interior of which is shown below.



COTTON BROS.' STORE

**THE ATHENS GASLIGHT AND ELECTRIC CO.**

The arc light for street lighting is to the modern city what gas light was a quarter of a century ago to all up-to-date towns. It is more than a convenience, it is also a means of safety and is of great assistance in preserving order and lessening crime during the hours of night. Evil doers love darkness rather than light and the brilliant and far-reaching rays of the arc lamps are a greater terror to the thief and footpad than the blue coated watchman of the city. They can avoid the latter, the former they cannot. Athens is progressive, and among the other modern accessories of a first-class city, has an electric light plant that comes as near making light perpetual as is possible by human agencies. The current is powerful and regular, thus giving a strong and steady light, impossible in the larger cities, where the many diversions for power and light invariably weaken the current and diminish the brilliancy of the light. The business here is a local enterprise entirely. The Athens Gas Light Company, which now has about four miles of mains, was established here in 1873, and in 1889 the electric plant, which now thoroughly lights the



GASLIGHT AND ELECTRIC CO.'S OFFICES



principal streets with thirty-five lights, was located and, being controlled by the former company, it was merged into that organization under the present title. The liberal policy and enterprise of this organization has resulted in making Athens one of the best lighted cities of its size in the State.

The officers of the company are J. M. Welch, President, and C. H. Welch, Secretary.

#### A. O. SLOANE, Cash Grocery, Glass and Chinaware

Of all the problems of life, that of our daily bread is the most perplexing, both to the bread winner, the thrifty housewife and the cook. No thrifty person likes to spend money uselessly, but where there is a limit to the amount that may be spent each day for the table, economy is both a duty and a necessity, and where to buy becomes as much a question as what to buy. Other things being equal, the cash store has a double advantage. They suffer no losses from bad accounts and they have the advantage in buying their supplies which cash always brings. Mr. Sloane needs no introduction to the Athens County public. His china palace is familiar to fastidious buyers of pottery and bric-a-brac all over the county, but his grocery is not so well known, as that is a recent innovation with him. He made his china palace a popular resort by making high quality and reasonable prices meet in the same article, and he will pursue the same course in his grocery department. There are two things he wants everybody to remember, quality and price, the first will be the highest and the latter the lowest; both he has determined shall be trade winners. One price, cash price and the lowest price are the words of his motto and will be faithfully adhered to. Friends and everyone else will be made welcome in his establishment and are cordially invited to call and look over his stock and prices whether or not they wish to buy. Inspection will show that money will be saved by dealing with him. Courteous treatment of patrons and prompt delivery of orders are the rules of the store, but as is pretty generally known, no rules are necessary for the guidance of Mr. Sloane in this respect. He is of an accommodating disposition and good humor is his normal condition. The stock of glassware, china, queensware, lamps and bric-a-brac will, as it always has been, be the largest and most complete to be found in the county, and the grocery stock embraces everything in the way of staple and fancy goods, fruits, etc. The soda fountain, which has always been a

popular feature of his business, is at the same old place. Ice cream will also be sold at this counter, by the dish only. His bargain counter of small ware, and housekeeping goods, in the way of Japanese ware, tin and granite ware, will be kept full as before and at the same scale of popular low prices. Country produce of all kinds taken in exchange for any goods in his store.



This is our soda fountain. It looks well, but there is a good deal more solid comfort in sipping the cool nectars we hand out. Ice cream soda if you prefer it.



A. O. SLOANE'S STORE



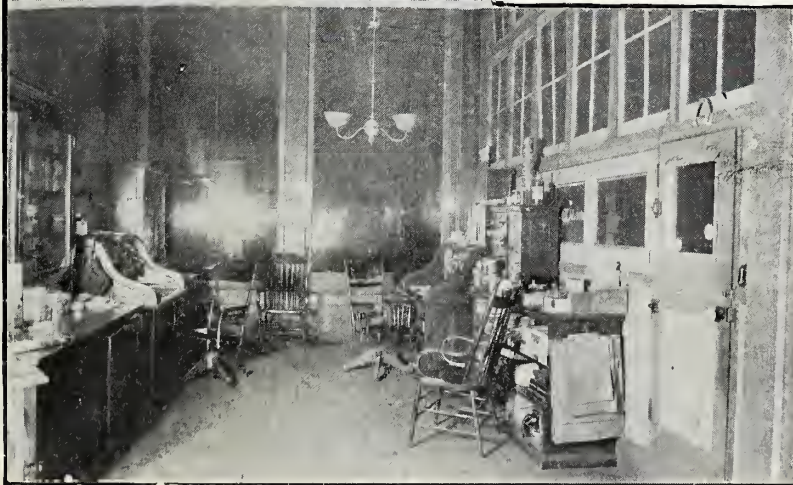
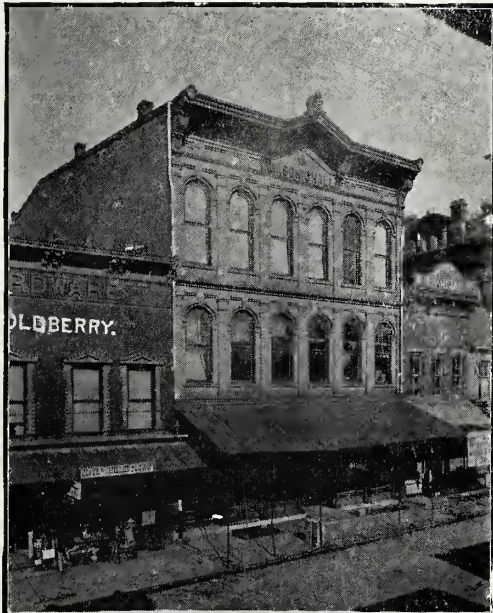
**F. C. STEADMAN & CO., Wholesale Grocers**

The fact may not be generally admitted by dealers in the same line in more pretentious cities, but it is a fact just the same that Athens has in the above firm the largest wholesale grocery house in Southeastern Ohio. The business was started in an humble way by Mr. F. C. Steadman in 1879, which he operated alone until 1886, when he associated with him Mr. G. W. Reynolds, under firm name of F. C. Steadman & Co. Both of the members of the firm served an apprenticeship in the retail grocery business and had a thorough appreciation of the wants of the trade, knowledge that enabled

them from the start to carry in stock the goods that were in demand and to fill orders promptly. From the fact that their business has been a growing one from its inception it is apparent that they have treated their patrons fairly and have met competition in prices from every source. That they have been able to do this proves that Athens, as a distributing center, has every advantage of the larger cities in the way of shipping facilities, while their lighter expenses of conducting their business gives them an advantage over their competitors of the metropolitan city. Whether or not honesty is the best policy by which to gain wealth, it is at least the policy of this house, and this is as true of the character of their goods as it is in their prices. It is the invariable rule of this firm to give their patrons just what they pay for. Their stock is large and embraces a full line of fancy as well as staple groceries.

Neither of the members of the firm need any introduction to the public of Southern Ohio, as both are natives of this county and have been prominent in business and social circles of Athens for many years. The firm is represented on the road by John Rowan and F. B. Murphy.

Mr. Reynolds has a large trade which he looks after personally and spends a portion of his time on the road. Both the members of the firm are affable and courteous, with whom it is a pleasure to do business.



F. C. STEADMAN &amp; CO.'S WHOLESALE GROCERY



SENATOR GEORGE FALLOON'S RESIDENCE



**H. J. SMITH, Stewart, O.**

Location has much to do in creating a large trade, but the man has more. As a rule large business enterprises are found in the greater centers of population in each county, but this rule has one very marked exception in Athens County.

Stewart is a town of less than 500 inhabitants, yet it has one of the greatest department stores in this section; one, too, that is a real

fish, etc., are not shown at all. The annex is connected with the main building by an arched hallway and in itself is a fair-sized store. The main room is 40x60, the office being in the center of the room, as shown in the plate. Jewelry, dry goods and shoes occupy the west side of the room, the grocery, canned and bottle goods being on the east side; the chinaware department in the rear of the office, while the clothing is on the second floor, where the wall paper and carpet stocks are also located. One glance at the establishment is

all the evidence one needs to satisfy them that the proprietor understands his business and that neatness and order is the unvarying rule of the house. It seems like a superfluity of words to add that his prices are always right; their large business, which has always been a growing one, is itself conclusive on that point. Like most successful enterprises, this store had a small beginning. Mr. Smith is a native of Washington County, and after completing his literary education, learned the jewelry trade with his father, and later entered into partnership with him, doing business at Cutler Station, under firm name of Smith & Son. This connection continued until the death of his father in 1880, when Mr. Smith succeeded to the business, removing to Stewart,

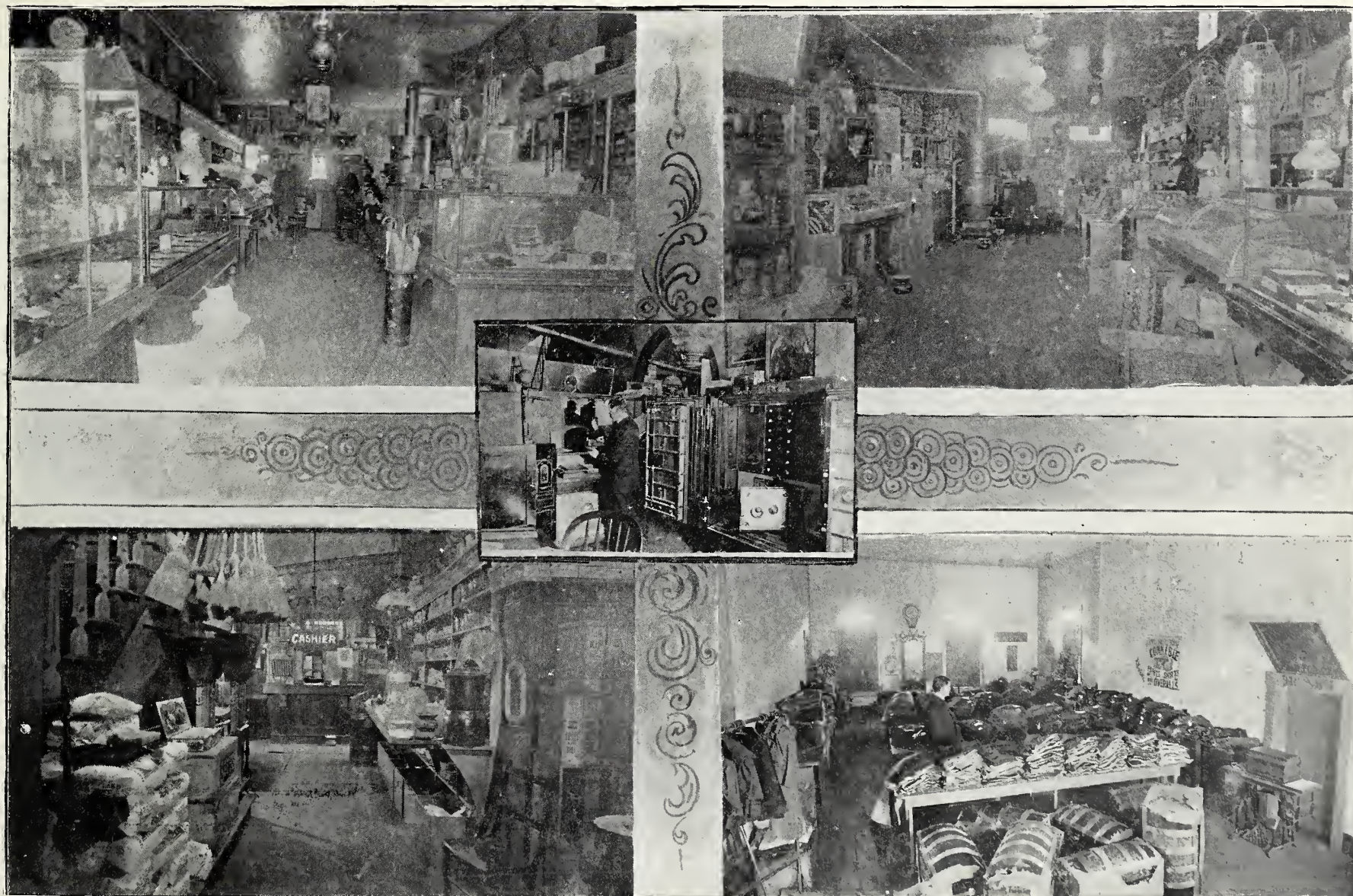
where he occupied a small room at his present location. Being of an obliging disposition, affable in his manners and conducting his business on square business principles, his patrons became his friends and his trade soon outgrew his floor space and an enlargement was made in his store. This also became too small in the course of a few years, and his buildings were enlarged to their present capacity in 1892. Mr. Smith gives his business close attention and during the hours devoted to trade can always be found at his place of business.



H. J. SMITH'S RESIDENCE

department store and a very creditable representative of its prototype of the metropolitan city. A word picture of the store, however well drawn, would fail in conveying to the mind a realistic impression of what the establishment really is. As an aid to the reader in forming a correct mental picture of the store, we have brought the camera into requisition and on the opposite page views of the leading departments are shown. The jewelry department is but partially shown, while the annex containing the shelf and heavy hardware, agricultural implements, glass, paints, oils, cured meats, salt





H. J. SMITH'S STOREROOMS, STEWART, O.



**CARSKADDEN BROS., Restaurant and Dining Room**

We may live without books,  
 What is knowledge but grieving;  
 We may live without hope,  
 What is hope but deceiving;  
 We may live without love,  
 What is passion but pining;  
 But where is the man  
 Who can live without Dining.

Eating is a necessity and under favorable conditions is a pleasure, as nature designed that it should be, but every person of cultivated taste recalls times when it was easier to starve than to eat the food set before them. Cooking is an art and the restaurant and cafe is a necessity of our present day civilization. Many people find that they can be better and more economically served by taking their meals out than to put up with the services of a poor cook. To meet the requirements of that large class of people who want both well-prepared meals and pleasant and cheerful surroundings, the Carskadden Bros. recently leased and fitted up their present quarters. The house from front to rear was thoroughly renovated, painted and papered; the furniture and fixtures are all new and modern in design and construction; everything about the place, from the pictures on

the walls to the snow-white linen and tidy-looking waiters, is suggestive of refinement and taste, and that cleanliness is the inexorable rule of the house. Both the proprietors are affable and courteous and patrons of their tables will not lack for prompt and obliging service. Meals are served to order at any hour of the day or evening, whether it be for lunch or an elaborate meal of several courses. Meal tickets are issued to their regular patrons, and their rates by the week are surprisingly low for the service they give. The location is on Court street, near the college grounds.

**WARREN BROS.' Livery Barn**

Athens has the distinction of having the finest and best equipped livery barn in Southeastern Ohio. The proprietors of the establishment, Samuel and Jesse Warren, are thoroughly practical men in the business. They not only know a good horse when they see it, but also know how to take care of it after it enters their barn. They are men of taste and good judgment and appreciate the fact that the pleasure in driving consists in riding in a good conveyance and behind a good team. They keep teams especially for pleasure driving, and their vehicles embrace everything in the vocabulary of road conveyances. Their better class of buggies are equipped with rubber tires, and a spin behind one of their spanking, well-groomed teams in one of these easy-going vehicles over the smooth pavements and macadamized roads is a real luxury. They have a business that justifies them in keeping everything about their place up in the best style possible, and being shrewd business men they see that their best interest lies in keeping their position in front of the procession.

They operate a farm about three miles from the city where they winter their best horses, and pasture them there at intervals during the summer. They also raise considerable other stock, but their specialty is breeding blooded horses, and they have sold teams raised on their farm at what would be considered pretty steep figures in any market. They also keep draught horses and do the heavy teaming for the town. They have a fine well-equipped stable and it is their own without any strings to the title, but they worked for what they have. They are natives of this county and were raised on a farm, coming to Athens in 1885, afoot, without the price of a square meal in their pockets. Their rise has been highly creditable to themselves and their establishment is a credit to the town. Good service is their motto, and their charges are as reasonable as can be for the service they give, and in most cases is no more than is charged by the ordinary stable.



CARSKADDEN BROS. DINING ROOM





WARREN BROS.' LIVERY BARN



**J. D. SELBY, Manufacturer and Dealer in Boots and Shoes**

For years Mr. John D. Selby has been known to the Athens County public as a manufacturer of a high grade footwear, both for men and women. Soon after moving to their State street building he added to his manufacturing business a line of high grade shoes for men, women and children. During the many years he was in the manufacturing business Mr. Selby had maintained a very high reputation for first-class work, and in adding a stock of shoes he took pains to select such as would give satisfaction in wear and maintain the reputation he had built up for first-class goods. His long years of experience in culling and handling leather puts him in a position to know a good article when he sees it, and his judgment on the quality of a shoe is worth something. It requires something more than quality, however, to make a popular shoe; style and fit in these days when well-dressed people are the rule rather than the exception, are of equal importance. Here again Mr. Selby's knowledge of the business comes to the front and enables him to

select only the proper shapes both for fit and style. In this he is assisted by the good taste of his wife, who does most of the selling in the store. Having only recently commenced the business their stock is clean and fully up to date. There are no accumulations of undesirable styles to work off on unsuspecting purchasers. Owning their own property and doing their own business, expenses are kept at the lowest point and they can sell on close margins. Reasonable prices for first-class goods that are the latest and best in the market is their rule, and conditions under which they ask for patronage.



J. D. SELBY'S STORE



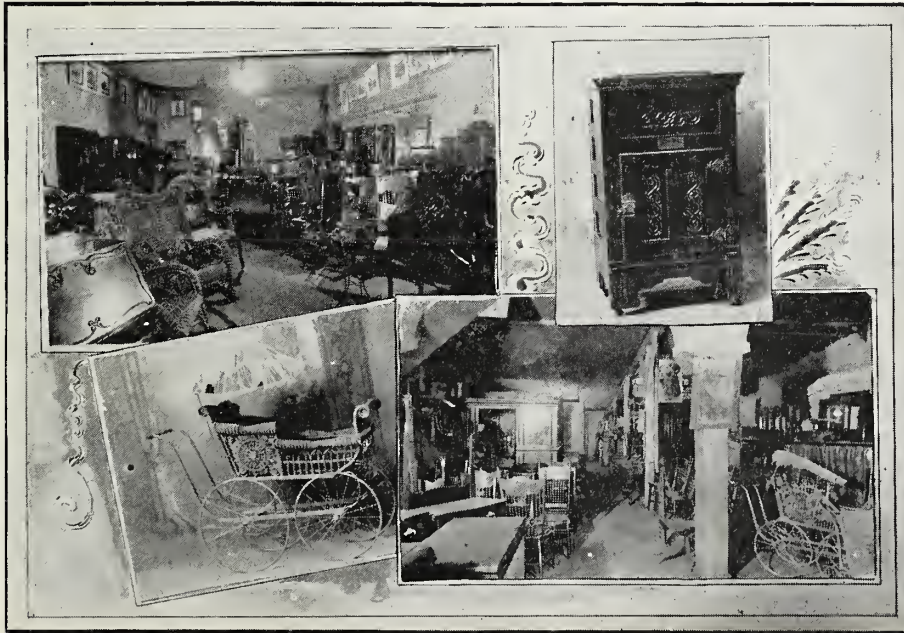
CEMETERY VIEWS



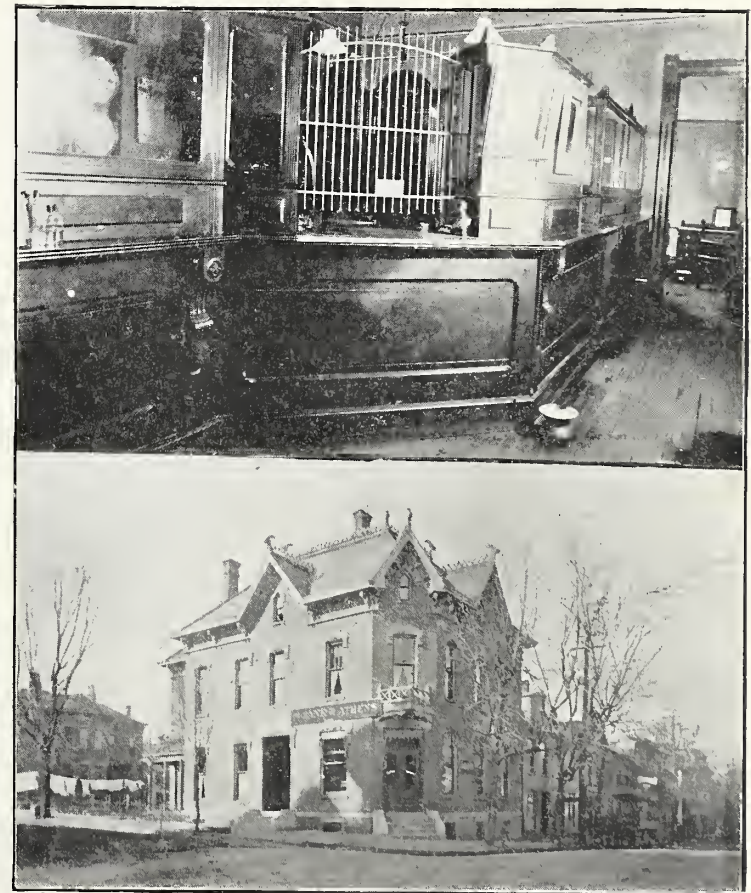
**HIBBARD & GLAZIER**

Co-extensive with the progress and development of Athens has been the furniture business, and no firm in this city has kept more thoroughly apace with the times than that of Hibbard & Glazier. In 1886, J. C. Campbell opened a furniture and undertaking establishment in the room now occupied by C. S. Newsom. In 1889 he moved to the building now occupied by Hibbard & Glazier. In 1893 Mr. L. H. Glazier purchased an interest in the business and the firm became known as Campbell & Glazier. In November of last year Mr. Campbell disposed of his interests in the establishment to Mr. W. A. Hibbard. The firm is now known as Hibbard & Glazier, and they conduct the oldest establishment of its kind in Athens. This firm carries a stock of furniture that would be a credit to similar establishments in much larger cities. They enjoy a large and lucrative patronage and are rapidly making themselves known throughout the country. In connection with furniture they conduct an undertaking department, which is in charge of Mr. Hibbard, a

practical embalmer and a graduate of the Champion College of Embalming, Springfield, O. To more promptly serve their patrons in the eastern part of the county they have established a branch store at Guysville. Not only do they carry a high grade stock of furniture, to suit any and every purchaser, but they also carry a stock of sewing machines and organs, in almost any style and finish. By their long residence in Athens, both members of the firm have won the confidence of all with whom they transact business, and they are winning the success which their industry deserves.



HIBBARD &amp; GLAZIER'S FURNITURE STORE



THE BANK OF ATHENS (See page 52)



**HIBBARD HARDWARE CO.**

There are two ways of conducting a hardware store; one way is to put in a stock of goods and sit down and wait for customers—and let the stock grow old. Another way is to keep the stock up to date in every particular, take the public into your confidence and keep moving. The Hibbard Hardware Company do business on the latter plan. They are not a fashion emporium, but when a woman wants a new stove or a refrigerator, she wants the latest improvements and best there is, just as much as she wants the newest thing in millinery on her new bonnet; or if a young man or woman is after a bicycle they are as particular about an up-to-date wheel as they are about up-to-date styles in wearing apparel. This firm owe their commanding position in the trade to the fact that they are progress-



HIBBARD HARDWARE CO.'S STOREROOM

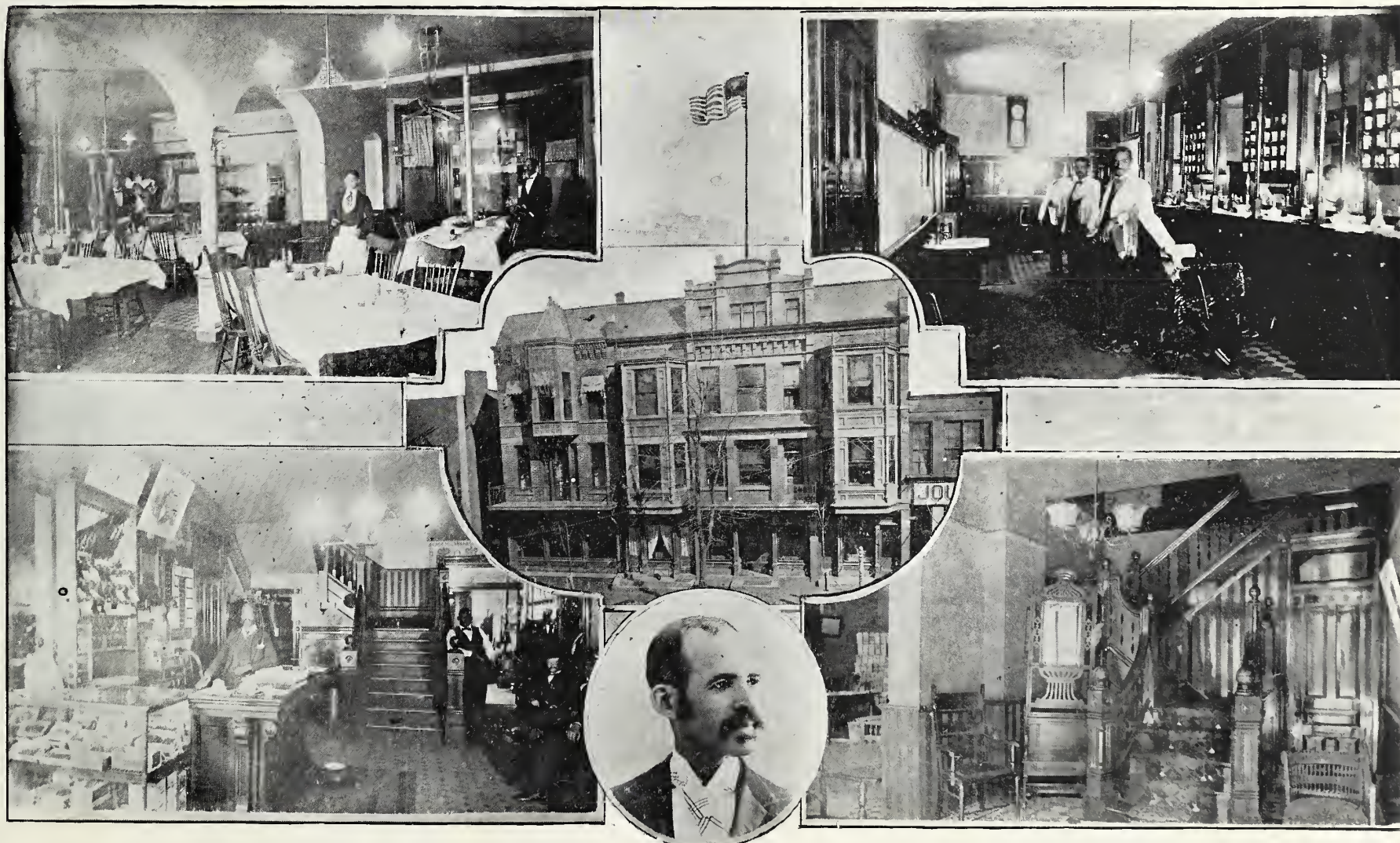
ive and believe that the best is none too good for their patrons. They carry a very large stock, including a full line of cooking and heating stoves, shelf and builders' hardware, farmers' supplies, etc. Bicycles are a specialty, and their prices are correct on everything.

**HOTEL BERRY**

One of the most efficient advertisements of a town or city is a fine hotel. It is human nature to like to be well entertained, and anything that is above the ordinary in that particular is a subject of comment with the traveling public. To say that a town has a very fine hotel is saying, indirectly, that it is a lively business town, otherwise the house would find no support. The writer first heard of the Hotel Berry in the barber shop of the Palmer House in Chicago.

The reputation the house has made abroad is fully sustained in the estimation of every person who partakes of their hospitality. Hotel geniuses, like poets, are born not made, and Mr. Berry is certainly one of the hotel managers born with a genius for the business. He is a native of Oberlin, Ohio, coming to Athens in 1870, when 15 years of age, engaging in work on the Ohio Hospital building, which was then in course of construction. Later on he opened a restaurant here, and his peculiar talent for serving palatable viands soon made him the popular caterer for the town. He run a fine restaurant on North Court street, on the site of his present hotel, for several years. He had as much faith in Athens as Athens had in him, and in 1893 he erected the fine hotel shown on the opposite page. Mr. Berry did not make the mistake of building a new hotel after old ideas. It is right up to date in every particular. The office, reading room and barber shop occupy the entire front of the first floor. The dining room is in the rear of these and connects with both office and reading room. The front rooms of the first floor are laid with tiling. The building throughout is supplied with electric return call bells, lighted by electricity and heated by the Bolton hot water system. While all these accessories that contribute to the comfort of the guests of the house have an important bearing, the feature that has been the most prominent in building up the reputation of the hotel is the dining room and table service. While every department of the house receives the personal attention of Mr. Berry, the culinary department is his strong fort and he gives it his special attention. His natural disposition is courteous and obliging and he is a genial host. For a town the size of Athens, their register shows a remarkably large list of arrivals each day, and particularly is this true on Saturday of over Sunday guests.





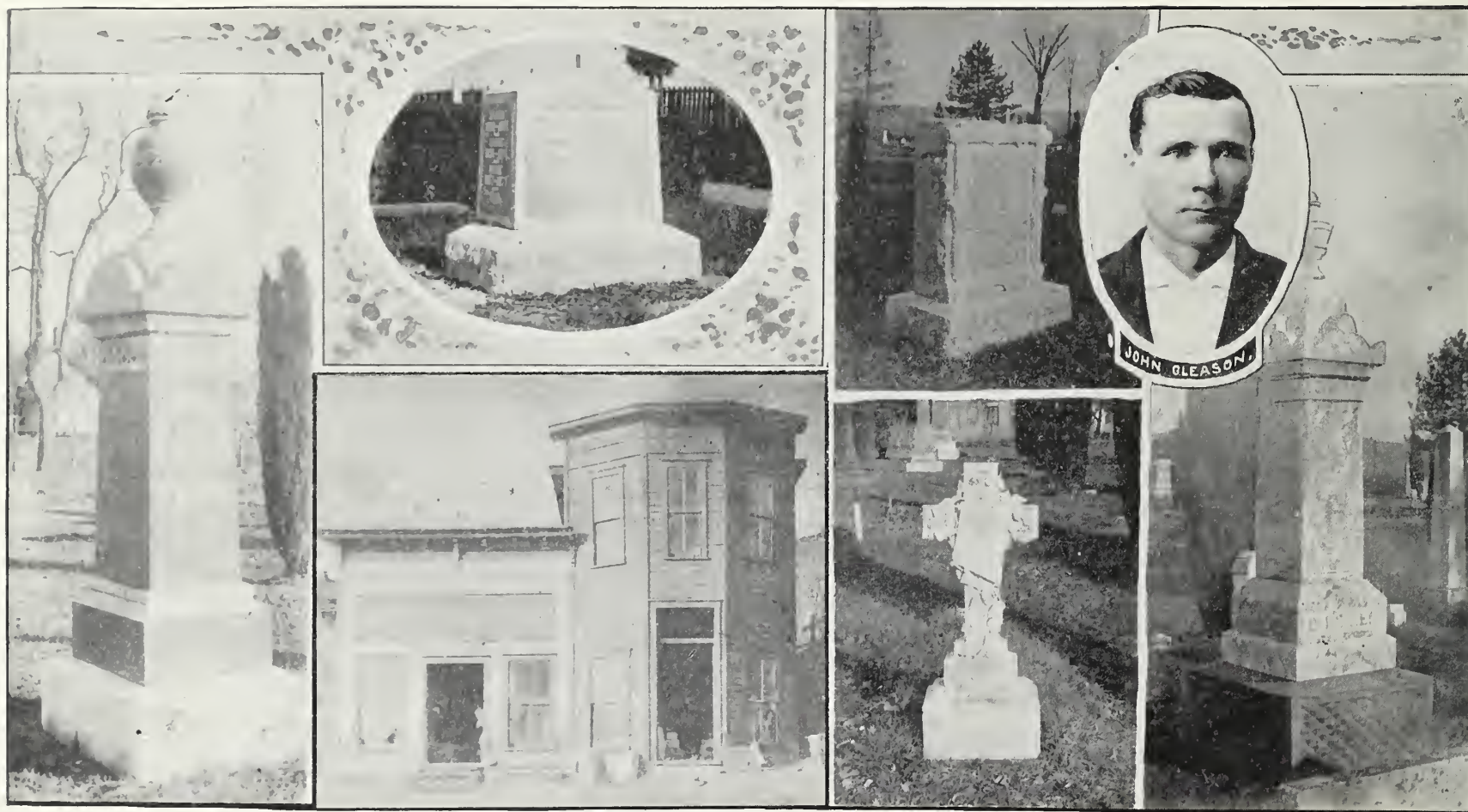
DINING ROOM  
OFFICE

E. C. BERRY

BARBER SHOP  
LADIES' ENTRANCE

VIEWS HOTEL BERRY





### JOHN GLEASON, JR., Monumental Work

Some of the highest works of art and the most beautiful things in nature are now found in our cemeteries, and they contribute in no small degree to the higher life and nobler aspirations that have marked the growth of the century. Athens has kept pace with her sister municipalities in providing a well-ordered home for the dead, and Athens' sculpturers have maintained themselves well in the creation of headstones and monuments, which is its chief ornamentation.

Mr. John Gleason, whose workshop is located on Dean avenue, Athens, is the leader in sculptural art work in this section of the

State. He is a practical man of many years' experience and possesses the best equipped establishment in Southeastern Ohio for doing artistic work, for doing it promptly and at reasonable prices. A steam engine and power cutting machine are recent additions to his establishment, which greatly facilitates the turning out of work and a corresponding reduction in price. No monumental works in the State can turn out better work or do it cheaper than can Mr. Gleason. A glance at the cut above will introduce to the reader Mr. Gleason himself, his establishment and samples of work which he has put up. He does all kinds of cemetery work and at prices the lowest obtainable for good work.



**W. H. McKEE, Druggist and Pharmacist**

For fifteen years Mr. McKee has been a familiar figure in the drug business of Athens. He is a native of Monroe County, coming to Athens in 1881 when a young man of sixteen years of age. He first entered the employ of Mr. E. R. Lash, the well-known druggist, on Court street, remaining there for several years. In 1893 he purchased the stock of H. K. Dorr, just north of the Bank of Athens, on Court street, where he has continued the business up to the present time. Mr. McKee's long apprenticeship in the business gave him both an accurate knowledge of the profession and an insight on public requirements in that line of trade. When he entered business on his own account he did so with a full knowledge of the innovations the public would appreciate, and he was not slow to avail himself of them. He first raised the character of his stock by the addition of a line of fine goods in the way of toilet and fancy articles and such other goods as his judgment and experience dictated would meet with public approval. Under his judicious and progressive management his store soon has gained a high reputation for both the quality, the extent and variety of the stock. This, in connection with his extensive acquaintance, close application to his business and his affable manners, soon created for him a good trade, which has continued to grow despite the fact that the years he has been in business have not been noted for general prosperity. It is creditable to him that, though still a young man, his fine store and good trade are fruits of his own labor.



W. H. MCKEE'S DRUG STORE

**E. C. LOGAN & CO., Fine Shoes**

The stranger passing within the gates of Athens does not have to go to church, opera or to an evening reception to be apprised of the fact that the people of the town are good dressers. A glance at the windows of the mercantile establishments that deal in the various lines of goods that people wear, indicates the fact as plainly as if it was subscribed and sworn to by all the authorities of the city. In no line of business is there a better showing than in the shoe stores, and it is further noticeable that it is the up-to-date shoe stores that get the business. Any old thing will go in some places, but not in fastidious Athens. To succeed in the shoe business here one must have knowledge of the business to know how to buy; he must be intelligent, observing and well posted to know what to buy; he must be industrious and painstaking and keep his stock in the most presentable shape; last but not least, he must be affable and courteous and know how to sell. Because Mr. Logan, whose name heads this article, fills this bill so accurately in every particular, is the why he has the nice trade they have, and why it is so rapidly increasing. People go into their store expecting to see new goods, good goods, latest style goods and get courteous attention, and they are not disappointed in their expectations. Not how low a price they can name, but how cheap they can sell a good article is their aim.

The firm is composed of E. C. Logan and F. H. Logan, his brother. Their store is in one of the new rooms on the Ballard corner. E. C. Logan is the active member of the firm, F. H. Logan being connected with the First National Bank.



E. C. LOGAN'S SHOE STORE



### G. H. PETERS, Agent, Shipper of Produce

An enterprise which is of great commercial benefit to Athens is the firm of Wilkinson, Gaddis & Co., wholesale shippers of poultry, eggs, butter and dried fruit, ging seng, etc. From 1881, the beginning of the industry, to 1887, the business was conducted under the name of C. H. Peters, and from 1887 to 1894, under the name of C. H. Peters & Son. In that year this firm sold to Wilkinson, Gaddis & Co., of Newark, N. J. The Athens branch of this firm does a yearly business averaging \$200,000. It is one of the best equipped shipping industries of its kind in the country, and has a special siding from the Baltimore & Ohio main line. G. H. Peters, one of Athens' ablest business men, has the financial management of the

firm, using the name of G. H. Peters, agent. They buy in all parts of Southeastern Ohio and ship to all the trade centers of the country. The operations of the firm for over fifteen years have given them a secure place in public confidence, and their extensive operations have contributed in no small degree to the prominence of the city as a trade center. They are too well known to require any reference in this section of the State, either as to their character and business integrity or financial standing.



G. H. PETERS, AGENT



MAJOR J. M. WELCH'S RESIDENCE





C. H. WELCH'S RESIDENCE



JEFFERSON CLAYTON'S RESIDENCE



W. E. PETERS' RESIDENCE



J. S. HOPE'S FARM RESIDENCE—One mile northwest of Athens



### B. B. JOHNSTON, Restaurant and Cafe

Since nature has decreed that we must eat or perish, the question for our solution is where and how to get the best obtainable at



DINING ROOM



LUNCH COUNTER

minimum cost. Whether one wants a lunch, an occasional dinner or three square meals per day, Mr. Johnston has solved the problem in a manner very satisfactory to his numerous patrons. A sage once

being asked who was the most popular man in the city, replied, "The best cook." Whether or not this is the sole reason of Mr. Johnston's popularity, it certainly is the principal cause of his dining room and counter being the popular resort for lovers of well-prepared viands. Patrons of the establishment do not have to read a long biographical sketch of Mr. Johnston to learn that he has served a long apprenticeship in the culinary art; his cooking is a practical demonstration of the fact. During the winter months his rooms were thoroughly renovated, repapered and painted and now present an appearance more inviting than ever before.



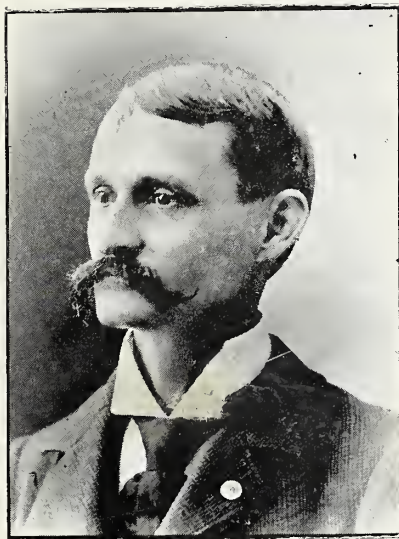
A. J. FRAME'S RESIDENCE



**C. C. SHELDON, Fine Groceries**

There is probably no mercantile line in Athens whose volume of business will reach that of our retail grocers. During the past few

years this business has been constantly increasing, until to-day Athens can boast of some of the largest, handsomest and best regulated grocery stores in Southern Ohio. Prominent among these is the justly popular and well-known house of C. C. Sheldon, on State street, just around the corner from Court street. Mr. Sheldon has been a resident of Athens all his life. He was born January 12, 1855, and is the son of our highly esteemed and venerable townspeople, Mr.



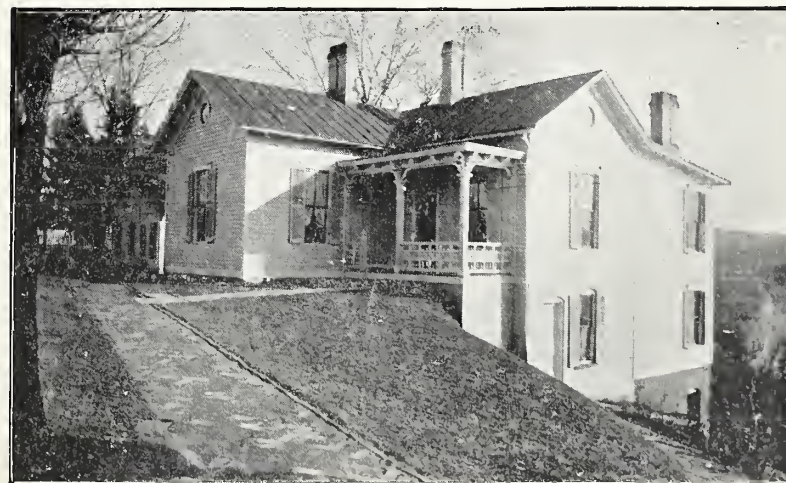
C. C. SHELDON

and Mrs. C. R. Sheldon. He received a high school education and has been engaged in different branches of business in Athens for several years. Just before the close of President Arthur's administration he was appointed postmaster of this city and successfully and creditably filled the place to the close of President Cleveland's first term. For three years following this he was the local agent of the Adams Express Company. He then resigned his position with this company in order to engage in the grocery business with the firm of F. S. & H. M. Roach, when in November, 1893, he purchased the entire stock and is to-day carrying on one of the finest and choicest grocery and provision houses in this section of Ohio. His goods are always fresh, and all orders delivered to any part of the city free of charge. The patrons of his store are all treated in that genial and affable manner which is so characteristic of him; and he has, by his honest and upright dealings, established a trade second to none in this city. Quality is the first consideration with him in buying supplies for his store, and while he never neglects an opportunity to secure a bargain, he will not sacrifice quality for the sake of naming a

low price, a fact that is pretty well known and is no small factor in holding the large trade he has.

**B. F. WITMAN, Plumber and Jobber of Sheet Iron Works**

Among the representative business houses and men of Athens there are none that it gives us more pleasure to hold up in a favorable light before the public than B. F. Witman, the tin and sheet iron manufacturer and practical plumber and gas fitter. Mr. Witman came to Athens from Ironton in 1878, and was employed by Bayard & Ullom for a period of two years. He attended the Ohio University two years, leaving that institution as a junior. In 1882 he engaged in business for himself and to-day is one of the most successful and reliable men in his line of business in this section. By his honorable dealings with the public he has established a trade which amounts to several thousands of dollars each year. By his frugality he has accumulated considerable property, both real and personal, and has become a heavy taxpayer. "Do as you wish to be done by," is his motto, and he believes in treating the public at large just as he would desire to be treated. In his business, which is that of sheet iron work, water tapping, plumbing and gas fitting, he employs a number of workmen and meets all demands made upon him promptly, and his prices are as reasonable as can be for first-class work, and he will do no other kind.



B. F. WITMAN'S RESIDENCE



**J. S. BASCOM, D. D. S.**

Dr. Bascom is the oldest practitioner in dental surgery in Athens, and his apartments in the Phoenix block are models of comfort and convenience, and bespeak for the proprietor as a man of culture and gentle touch. Dr. Bascom is a native of Athens county, and like many of the leaders in all the professions, is the son of a farmer and was reared upon the farm. After completing his literary and professional education he began the practice of his profession at Coolville, removing to Athens in 1884, where he has continued in the practice ever since. Whether or not science will ever bring the extracting of teeth to the point where it may be considered a pleasure, it is true that Dr. Bascom comes as near making the operation painless as it can be with the present knowledge of dental surgery. During the thirteen years he has been in the business here, he has built up a large practice and his

prices are always as low as the same class of work can be done for in any office in the state.

**O. B. SLOANE, Department Store**

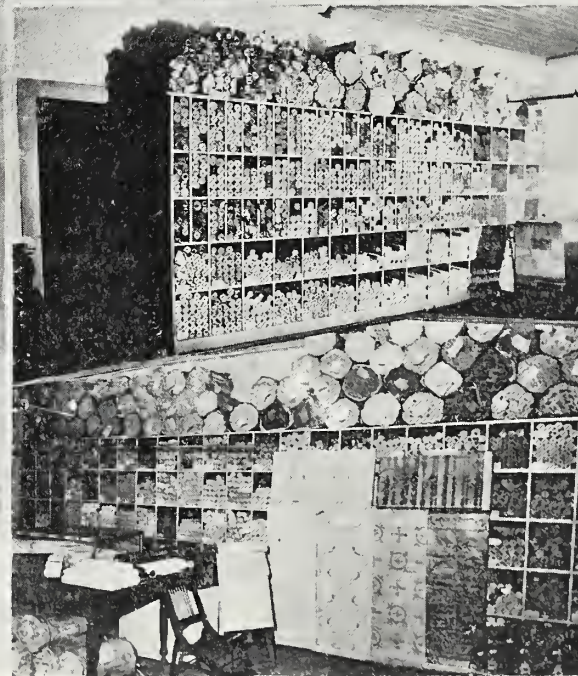
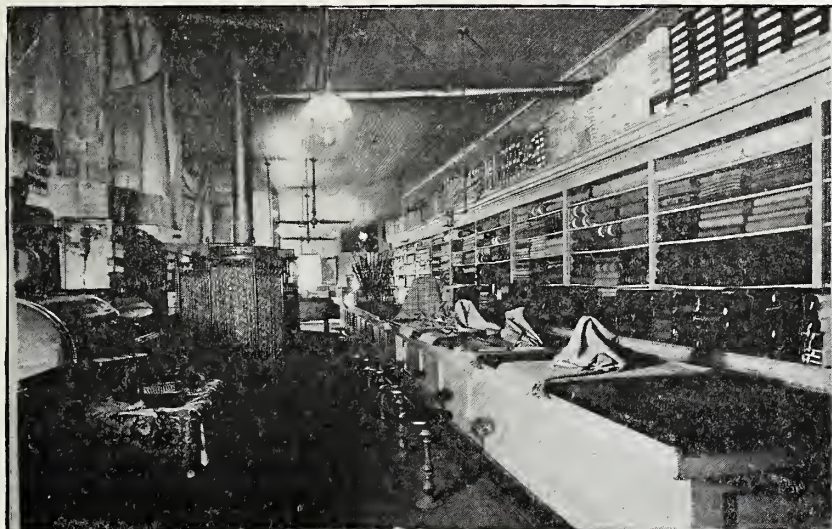
During the twenty-six years in which Mr. Sloane has been engaged in the dry goods business in Athens, it has been his constant endeavor to make high quality and a low price meet in the same article. Putting this theory into active practice has developed the small store of a quarter of a century ago into the large department establishment shown in the accompanying illustrations. His large trade is a token of public appreciation of his business methods. There are various methods of getting trade, but only upright dealing and generous treatment will retain it. A close adherence to this principle is the open secret of Mr. Sloane's successful business career. In catering to the wants of the public, knowing what to buy is as important as knowing how to buy it. In this respect Mr. Sloane's taste is as unerring as his business instinct, and his store is synonymous for "up-to-date styles" and correct combinations as well as for good values and courteous attention from himself and all his employees. It would require much more space than we have at our command to mention, even in a general way, the various lines of goods carried in the several departments of the big store. Fine dry goods and millinery are conspicuous features of the displays on the first floor. Here may be seen the choicest fabrics from the looms of the entire world, woven from silk, wool and cotton, in all the shades and colorings which Dame Fashion decrees shall be worn. A summer garden in the balmy month of June is the nearest approach we can give to a description of the millinery department, so thoroughly does the bewildering array of bright-hued flowers and darker combination of colors in ribbons and piece goods resemble the colors of nature. Competent trimmers are in attendance in this department who understand the art of selecting the shapes and colors best adapted to their different patrons. Ladies' furnishing goods is another important feature of the stock on the first floor, and so extensive are the lines and so varied the assortments in each line that something can be found to meet the taste of the most fastidious, and the price conform to the purse of the purchaser.

Carpets, matting, floor oilcloths, wall paper, window furnishings and lace curtains are carried on the second floor and the assortments offered are among the largest in the Valley. Mr. Sloane buys many of his goods in original packages, and all of them as near first hands as any retailer can do, so that he is always in a position to meet competition whether it be in Athens or in the metropolitan cities of the country:



J. S. BASCOM'S DENTAL PARLORS AND OPERATING ROOM





MAIN ROOM  
CARPETS AND DUPLICATE STOCK

SLOANE'S  
DEPARTMENT STORE

MILLINERY DEPARTMENT  
WALL PAPER





*Peter Kern*  
 UP-TO-DATE  
 SHOE BAZAAR  
 —  
 MEN'S,  
 WOMEN'S  
 AND  
 CHILDREN'S  
 MEDIUM AND FINE  
 SHOES  
 —  
 PRICES REASONABLE

**PETER KERN, Shoe Bazaar**

One of the most important accessories to a becoming attire is a well-fitting shoe. The time when anything a person could get their foot in was called a fit has gone by, and the dealer who appreciated these facts and kept his stock up to the highest standard in quality, workmanship and style, got the better class of trade. Acting on this principle is what placed Mr. Kern in the lead of the shoe trade of Athens County. His career is a good illustration of what perseverance, honest methods and progressive ideas will do for a person. He is a native of Franklin County, Pennsylvania, coming to Ohio with his father's family in 1840, when three years of age. The family located in Logan. Mr. Kern came to Athens in 1856, following his trade of shoemaking. He worked assiduously for a number of years, saving his earnings, and in 1874 added a small stock of shoes, but continuing his work at the bench, increasing his stock as his means afforded. Having an accurate knowledge of the shoe business and the wants of the trade and being conscientious in his dealings with his patrons, he prospered from the start.

During the years that followed he gave his close attention to his business, keeping his stock always up to date, and possessing the tact of making his customers his friends, he soon took a commanding position in his line of business. In 1884 he erected his present substantial and convenient business house and residence shown in accompanying illustration. Mr. Kern has always taken a lively interest in the advancement of the welfare of the town and is recognized as one of Athens' public spirited citizens.



**BANK OF ATHENS**

For thirty years this institution has been one of the leading financial concerns of Southeastern Ohio, growing in strength and popular favor each succeeding year. It was established by John and J. D. Brown in 1868, and operated jointly until the death of the former in 1875, when Mr. James D. Brown became the President and general manager. It is conducted upon the principle of individual liability. Its capital stock is \$50,000, with over \$100,000 individual security to depositors. They do a general banking business, but confine themselves to that exclusively. The bank stands very high in the confidence of the people and it is said to have the largest list of depositors of any bank in the county. Its vaults and safe are new and of the latest improvements, making the valuables therein as secure as it is possible to make them. Patrons of the bank are welcome to have their valuable papers taken care of free of charge.



### D. C. CORNWELL, Jewelry

A fine jewelry store is a sure indication of wealth and more or less general prosperity. There is nothing in a jewelry store that may be classed with the necessities of life, and that the people will support such an establishment as Mr. Cornwell's, shown in accompanying illustration, is conclusive evidence that they have money to spend for fine goods. Mr. Cornwell is a native of Athens and is a graduate in the jewelry business, beginning the trade at the age of fifteen in his father's store. He remained with his father for six or seven years, when he began business on his own account at Nelsonville, but remained there only one year, returning to Athens in 1868,

goods from other towns and cities. His line of spectacles, clocks, rings and silverware is large and complete. He also takes special pride in his repair department and engraving. Call at Cornwell's for anything in the jewelry line and you will likely find it at the right price.

### GEORGE R. WALKER, Books, Stationery, Etc.

Books, stationary, wall paper, picture frames and musical instruments. This is the oldest bookstore in the county and was established in 1873. Mr. Walker, the proprietor, is a graduate of the Ohio University, and is eminently qualified by nature and education for the vocation he has chosen. He is a native of Athens,



shortly afterwards succeeding to his father's business. Mr. Cornwell began his business career at the bottom of the ladder, starting with no capital but his trade well learned and a good fund of industry and perseverance. Success crowned his efforts from the start. Little by little the small store gave place to something better, until it culminated in the fine establishment of the present day. Mr. Cornwell also owns another store in same line business at Glouster, conducted by his brother, G. A. Cornwell, under the firm name of D. C. Cornwell & Bro.

One of the underlying principles of Mr. Cornwell's success has been his implicit honesty in his dealings with the public; another is that his store has kept pace with the growing demands of the people. His stock embraces a wide variety of everything in his line and is a very attractive store in every way. He makes a specialty of watches and carries the largest line in this part of the State. He has built up a fine trade in diamonds and frequently gets customers for these

though most of his boyhood years were spent upon the farm. He passed through the village school and was graduated from the University with the class of 1872. A year later he started his present business and it was a success from its inception. His present large store is the growth of twenty-five years. From a small beginning he has gradually spread out his lines and increased his stock until it now embraces a full line of miscellaneous books, in all kinds of binding, school books, school supplies, blank books, stationery, legal blanks, wall paper in endless variety, picture frames and moulding from which frames are made to order, bric-a-brac and all kinds of musical instruments, both of the harp and string variety. His store is handsomely furnished and is kept fully up with the progressive sentiment that pervades the town. Mr. Walker has a fine trade both in the character of his customers and in the volume of his business. His prices are always as low as anybody can give for honest goods and honest work.





NEW BROWN HOUSE—EXTERIOR, OFFICE, DINING ROOM

### NEW BROWN HOUSE, Rates \$1.50 per Day

As now conducted this well-known hostelry is above the average \$2 per day houses. Between the months of January and March of the present year the house was remodeled in many of its interior parts, repainted and repapered throughout, and has a new manager in the person of Mr. A. O. Whaley, a young man of much experience in the conduct of first-class hotels. Before taking the house he stipulated that certain changes must be made in order that the house might be put and kept in first-class condition, all of which was done according to contract. The accompanying illustration shows the changes made in the office, which makes it one of the most pleasant reading and writing rooms to be found in any public house in this part of the State. The dining room and table service are the strong features with the new management, and are fully up to the standard of the ordinary two dollar per day houses. Both the proprietor and the affable day clerk, G. W. Earhart, are good entertainers and invariably succeed in making the visits of their guests as pleasant as possible.

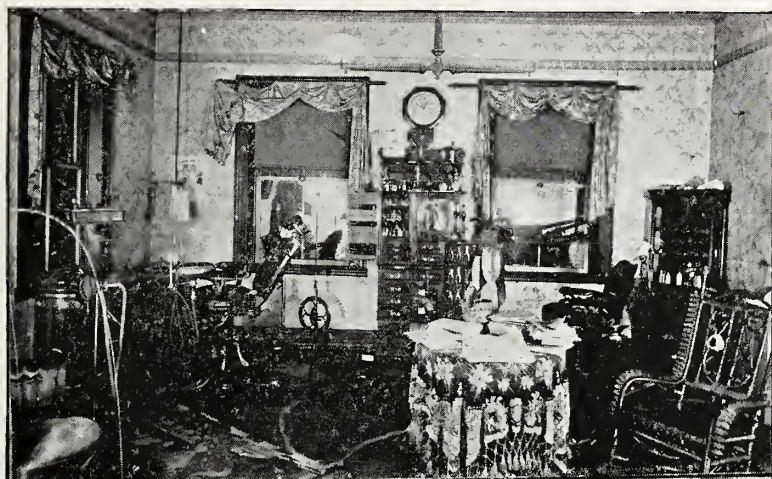
### BAKER & GRAF, Merchant Tailors

"Thy raiment costly as thy purse will bear," was Shakespeare's advice to mankind, based on the idea that a man is judged from his personal appearance, and the great playwright was correct; it is a duty every man owes himself to appear as well dressed as his circumstances will permit. Price and the texture of goods are not the only things to be taken into consideration in buying wearing apparel. A good fit is more essential than either, but good quality and good workmanship will both be manifested in every well dressed man. Messrs. Baker & Graf, whose names head this article, make it their chief study and vocation in life to make it possible for every man to live up to the famous poet's advice, to the very letter. They are artists as well as tailors and are equally at home in the selection of tasteful designs as in the creation of garments. They carry a very large stock of piece goods, embracing the best weaves from the looms of America as well as from Europe. They are showing a large variety of fancy effects as well as the plain colors in worsteds, tweeds, cloths, etc. They follow the styles closely, both in their stock and in making up their garments, and the person who leaves his order with them will get the goods he selects, the fit will be accurate and the style right up to date, if it is so wanted. Their prices are as reasonable as first-class work can be done for and less than the prices charged in the cities for same grade of work, make-up and trimmings.



**THOMPSON'S DENTAL PARLORS**

The firm is composed of S. H. Thompson, D.D. S., and Miss Edna M. Thompson, D.D. S. Mr. Thompson has for eight years been practicing his profession in Athens and his skill as a practitioner is pretty well known here. His sister, Miss Edna M., is a recent graduate of the Oral Institute of Philadelphia, where she has been in attendance for the past two years, spending the year previous at the Cincinnati Dental College. Their suite of rooms in the Perkins block are finely equipped with modern appliances for the prompt and efficient execution of every description of mechanical or operative dentistry. The accompanying illustration shows portions of their parlors, operating room and laboratory.



THOMPSON'S DENTAL PARLORS



O. B. SLOANE'S RESIDENCE





C. D. HOPKINS, City Solicitor  
W. S. BLACKWOOD, Councilman

PETER KERN, Councilman  
STACY WOLF, Councilman

O. E. DAVIS, Mayor

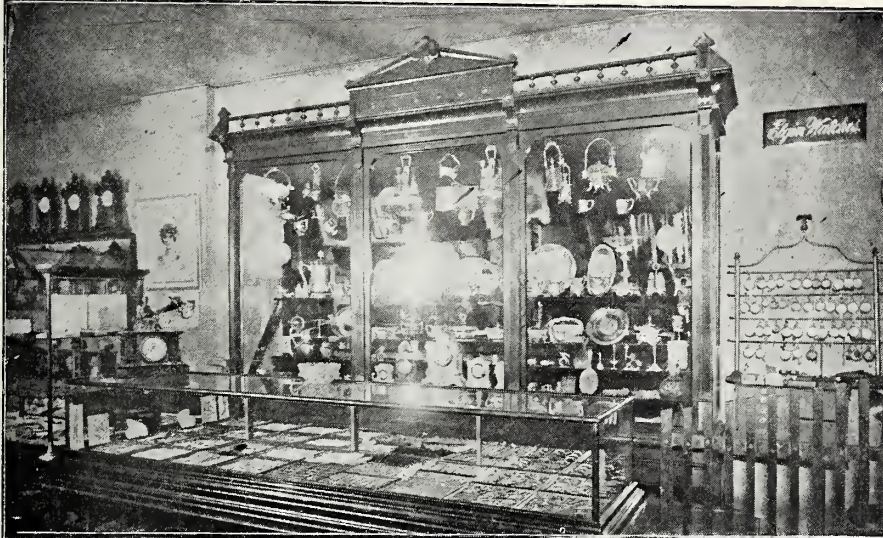
F. C. STEADMAN, Councilman  
W. E. DEAN, City Marshal

W. B. GOLDEN, City Clerk  
JAS. R. SMITH, Councilman



**GEORGE I. PUTNAM, Jewelry, Books and Wall Paper****Successor to Putnam & Fletcher**

The cut below will convey a better idea of what is contained in this big store than we can with our pen. It does not tell who the



GEORGE I. PUTNAM'S STORE

authors are that wrote their books or the various makes and shapes of jewelry they carry; neither could we, though we used a book for the purpose, so varied is it. Suffice to say that there is not anything in the way of miscellaneous books, either poetry or prose, solid or fiction, school books, stationery, albums, jewelry, watches, gold and silver plated ware or wall paper, that you are likely to ask for, that they do not have; more, they will sell it to you just as cheap, quality considered, as the goods can be bought for in any market in the State. Right here we will drop a little hint about jewelry; you can't see through a watch or a ring any more than you can through a stone wall, and your only protection in buying that class of goods is the word of the seller. Mr. Putnam will sell you this class of goods for just what they are and their guarantee goes with every article, and what is of equal value to you, they are right here and their guarantee is worth its face value. The location is just opposite the Court House; drop in and see them, you will receive courteous attention, and your purse will stand the strain better here than it will some other places. Until recently this store was known as Putnam & Fletcher. About April 1st Mr. Putnam bought out Mr. Fletcher's interest and he is now sole owner and proprietor.



DR. McVEY'S RESIDENCE



**C. L. JONES, D. D. S.**

Is a graduate of the Ohio University, and was graduated in a three-year course from the Dental Department of the University of Mary-

Albany, where he continued in the practice until January of the present year, when he came to Athens, locating over A. L. Roach's grocery store. During the years he was at Glouster and Albany he established a reputation for first-class work, and possessing a sociable disposition and easy manners he made friends as well as patrons. He maintains an office at Albany, Marshfield and Glouster. His parlors in Athens, shown in the accompanying illustration, are handsomely furnished and conveniently located. He has an accurate knowledge of his profession and all modern appliances for making the various operations as near painless as it is possible for them to be. He came to Athens to make that his home and cordially invites a visit from those wanting work in his line.



C. L. JONES' DENTAL PARLORS



GRAND VIEW, E. G. BUDDISON'S RESIDENCE

land at Baltimore. He began the practice of his profession at Glouster in 1893, continuing there for one year, when he removed to



**RANSALL HADLEY STEWART**

Was born in Athens May 15, 1832. He was the youngest son of Ezra Stewart, and a grandson, on his mother's side, of Esquire Henry Bartlett, one of the honored pioneers of Athens. Ezra Stewart was one of the most energetic business men of the town or country. Hadley inherited much of his father's energy, with something of a roving disposition. He also inherited, perhaps mostly from his mother, a genial temperament which enabled him to win friends and made him proof against the buffets of fortune. His earliest business engagement was in Chilicothe, O., whence he returned to Athens, and on March 23, 1853, married Mary Gene Fuller. Later he was engaged in business in Springfield, Ill., Mason City, W. Va., and Cincinnati. He did not accumulate wealth, but he made friends. Finally, he returned to Athens and, though past the meridian of life, he had the pluck and courage to engage in a new business in his native town. He always excelled as an accountant and, having opened an office in that line, his services were soon in demand. From his boyhood he was fond of hunting and fishing, and when he became too old to "draw a bead" on a squirrel he could still lure a bass from Hocking River when others could not get a bite. He has a pleasant and commodious office facing the college campus, and one of the most accessible as well as beautiful locations in the city, and he always has a vacant chair for a friend as well as a patron.



R. H. STEWART'S OFFICE

**J. R. HARVEY, General Merchandise**

Mr. Harvey is a native of Athens County, and a descendant of one of the first settlers of the county. The days of his childhood and early youth were spent upon the farm. He received a liberal literary education and subsequently learned the trade of carpenter, which he followed for a few years during the summer, teaching school during the winter months. He came to Athens in 1885, purchasing his present home and place of business and began the business of general merchandising, which he has followed continuously since with a marked degree of success. The location is on the east side of Dean avenue, one block south of the C., H. V. & T. R. R. and T. & O. C. R. R. depot. He has a fine business room, and his stock shows conclusively that he is doing a nice trade and that he keeps it moving. He carries a general line of staple and fancy dry goods, notions, groceries, fruits, hardware, boots and shoes, glass and queensware and everything that is found in the modern general store. Mr. Harvey has an efficient assistant in the person of his wife, who helps him through the busy hours of the day. Both have that genial manner and courteous bearing that make trading with them a pleasure as well as a matter of business. Order and cleanliness is one of the marked characteristics of the store, and is one of the features that makes it the popular resort for the people of the neighborhood.



J. R. HARVEY'S STORE AND RESIDENCE



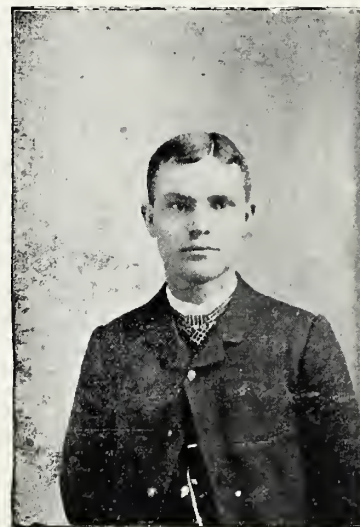
**YONTZ & ANDREWS, Groceries and Notions****Successors to R. W. Roach & Co.**

The only thing that is new about this firm is the title. The business has been conducted in the same location for years and the proprietors are both well known young men of Athens. Mr. Yontz has for the past five years been connected with the popular shoe store of Peter Kern and Mr. Andrews for about the same length of time has been operating a general store at Trimble, in this county. About April 1 they formed a partnership and bought out the grocery of R. W. Roach & Co., and a glance at the accompanying illustration of the interior of their store will show that the changes have been important, both in the character of the stock and in the appearance of the room. Both members of the firm have had a good mercantile training, both are good stock-keepers and both are affable and accommodating in their manners and attentive to business. They carry, in addition to a full line of groceries, fruits, provisions, etc., a line of notions and small wares. They are just starting in business here, and in catering

for trade are not likely to make the mistake of placing too high a price on their goods. The natural inclination would be to the opposite extreme. "A penny saved is just as good as a penny earned." Drop in and see them; you may find it any easy way to save a few dimes. You are sure of a cordial welcome, whether you buy or not.

**FRED P. WHITE**

With the necessity of greater protection against fire, a shingle-roofed house is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. This method



of sheltering one's own household from the elements is more and more being supplanted by tin and slate roofing. Among the several practical workmen in Athens, none, perhaps, is better prepared to give satisfaction than Fred P. White, whose place of business is located on West State street, a short distance west of Court. Mr. White has been in business in Athens more than a dozen years, and until about two years ago his establishment was located on Court street.

He has been in his present location two years, and the fact that he is kept constantly busy is sufficient evidence that his work gives satisfaction. He makes a specialty of tin and slate roofing and spouting. Mr. White makes it a point to use the best of material, and this, coupled with his acknowledged skill and long experience, makes it possible for him to guarantee all his work. Either in tin or slate roofing he will cheerfully furnish estimates, and those employing him will find his charges consistent with his workmanship and material.

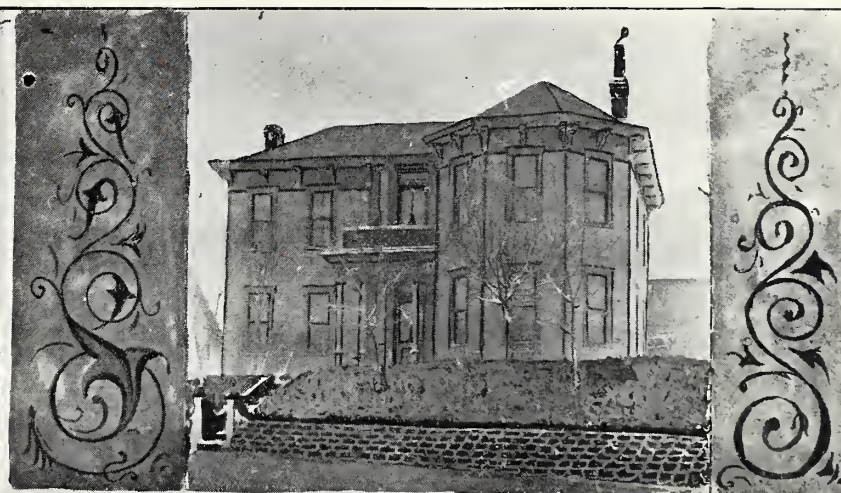


YONTZ &amp; ANDREWS' STORE





REPRESENTATIVE HOMES OF GLOUSTER



WARREN BYSON'S RESIDENCE  
FRANK P. KIENTZ'S RESIDENCE

DR. A. J. CRAWFORD'S RESIDENCE  
A. A. AMOS' RESIDENCE



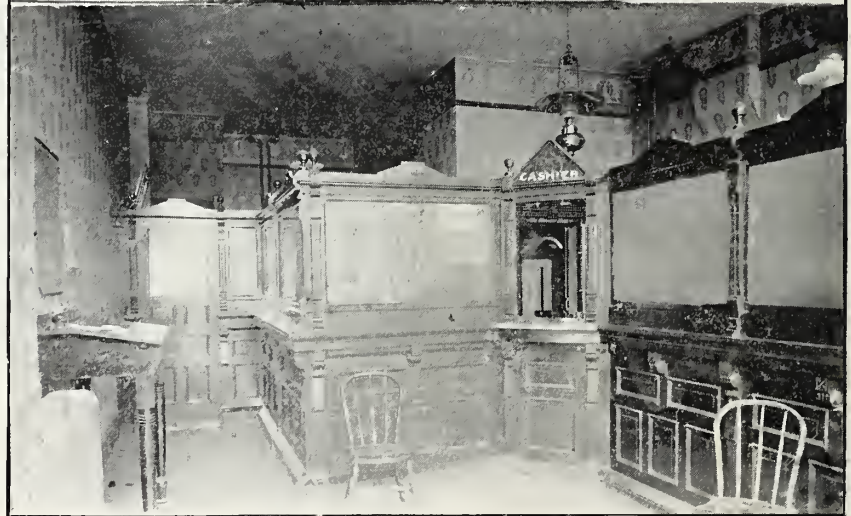
# FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS

## THE GLOUSTER BANK

Athens county has five banks. They are all solid financial institutions, and under the management of careful, conservative business



MERCHANTS' AND MINERS' BANK, Nelsonville, O.



BANK OF NELSONVILLE

men. The Gloucester Bank is the youngest of this sisterhood; but within the short period of its existence has established itself firmly in the confidence of the people and has demonstrated that Gloucester

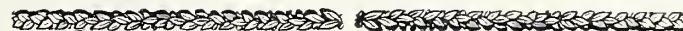


is an important business center and affords abundant means to support a bank.

The bank was organized by Isaac Lewis, E. A. Lewis and Seth W. Smith, of Sabina, Clinton county, and Selma, Clark county, this state, and opened its doors for business June 1, 1891. These gentlemen have all had many years' experience as bankers and are also heavy farmers in their respective counties. This is a private bank, with the individual responsibility and the entire wealth of all its stockholders behind it. They transact a general banking business, receiving deposits, discounting paper of approved security, making collections, etc. Mr. E. A. Lewis, the president, is a resident of Sabina, and is recognized as one of the solid men of the state financially. He visits Glouster at irregular intervals, leaving the active management of the business of the bank to Mr. D. Edwards, the cashier. Mr. Edwards is a native of Warren county, Ohio, and prior to engaging in the banking business here was actively engaged for many years with mercantile institutions of Covington, Kentucky, and Cincinnati, Ohio, and in 1875 established the Sabina Bank for his present employers. Since coming to Glouster he has, by his affable manners and judicious conduct of the business of the bank, gained the entire confidence of the business community, as well as that of the several thriving towns and communities surrounding Glouster.

To conduct a legitimate and conservative banking business is the policy of all the gentlemen connected with the Glouster Bank, and while they cheerfully extend aid to deserving enterprises on ap-

proved security, their own outside investments are always in good real estate, which they regard as the best and most absolute security and backing for their banks.



## NELSONVILLE

**W**HAT Pittsburg is to the Pennsylvania, Nelsonville is to the Ohio coal field, the recognized center of the largest coal output of the State; and, like Pittsburg, she thinks more of developing the wealth that lies hidden within her reach than she does of her commanding site or beautiful surroundings. The person, however, who says that the population of the town is given over to the pursuit of wealth would be drawing a long bow. The many beautiful homes, fine, substantial churches, and handsome school buildings, tell in language stronger than words that the people are thrifty, moral and intelligent. We are apt to measure the commercial and industrial activity of a town by the number and character of its business houses and manufacturing establishments; its taste and culture by the resident part of the town and its morality and general intelligence by their churches and school buildings. Judging from this standard, Nelsonville is the peer of any town in the State of its size, as the illustrations on these pages of the representative business houses, homes and public buildings will prove. The town was named for its founder, Daniel Nelson, who located here in 1814, hailing from Shrewsbury, Mass. A double log house, occupied by one family, was the center and circumference of the town for a year or two following. In 1818, Mr. Nelson laid out the town, platting fifty-seven lots and two streets, Columbus and Mulberry, donating the public square and the lot on which the Central School building now stands. The postoffice was established in 1821. Nature laid bare the vast coal mines that crops out in the vicinity of Nelsonville, but there was no development of the coal interest until the Ohio and Hocking Canal reached Nelsonville in 1840, and even then the transportation facilities were wholly inadequate for a heavy business, though enough was done to give



B. & O.  
S. W.  
... DEPOT...  
AND  
GROUNDS.  
ATHENS







LOOKING NORTH

NELSONVILLE

LOOKING SOUTH



Hocking Valley coal a great prestige in the markets to which it gained access. Considerable outside capital came into the county with the advent of the canal and much of the coal land in the vicinity of Nelsonville was either bought outright or leased. Among the early operators were Ewing Vinton & Co., Fuller & Walker, C. Fay, John Crothers, C. Steenrod, L. Scott, J. F. Somers and L. Steenrod. These mines were located on both sides of the Hocking River in the immediate vicinity of Nelsonville, and the product of the mines was hauled in wagons to the canal docks. One of the most extensive mines to be developed was opened early in the 40's by Launcelot Scott, in what was known as Robbins hill, and the shoots are yet standing well inside the corporate limits of the present city, and was in continuous operation until 1894. This mine was operated for many years by L. D. Poston, son-in-law of Mr. Scott, later passing under the control of C. L. Poston and a Mr. Pendleton, son and son-in-law of L. D. Poston, and the entire tract of mineral lands, leases and all the valuable improvements are now owned exclusively by C. L. Poston. Many mines were opened between 1840 and 1860, but as compared with to-day the output was very small. In the latter year Nelsonville had a population of less than 500, the entire township containing only 969 people, and the town took on no spirit of activity until after the construction of the Hocking Valley Railroad, which reached Nelsonville in 1872. From that time forward the town had a phenomenal growth, showing a gain of over 200 per cent. in the decade between 1870 and 1880. The following decade the pace was kept up, the census of 1890 showing Nelsonville had a population of upwards of 5,000 people and all the spirit de esprit of a hustling, prosperous and progressive municipality. The first check to the city's growth came with the panic of 1893. The mining interests of the country suffered a heavy loss and Nelsonville was no exception. For three years this cloud hung over the town like a black pall, and it was all the more noticeable from the contrast it gave to the marked general prosperity of the quarter century preceding. With the gradual improvement that is coming over the industrial situation of the country, Nelsonville is beginning to feel the livelier pulsations of a reanimating business, and the silver light behind the dark cloud is showing its glistening edges through the broken fragments of the departing gloom.

#### AS A BUSINESS CENTER

For years Nelsonville has been the centre of a large trade and has some fine mercantile establishments, the most prominent of which are illustrated on following pages.

#### A REPRESENTATIVE NELSONVILLE HOME



DON C. CABLE JR.'S, RESIDENCE



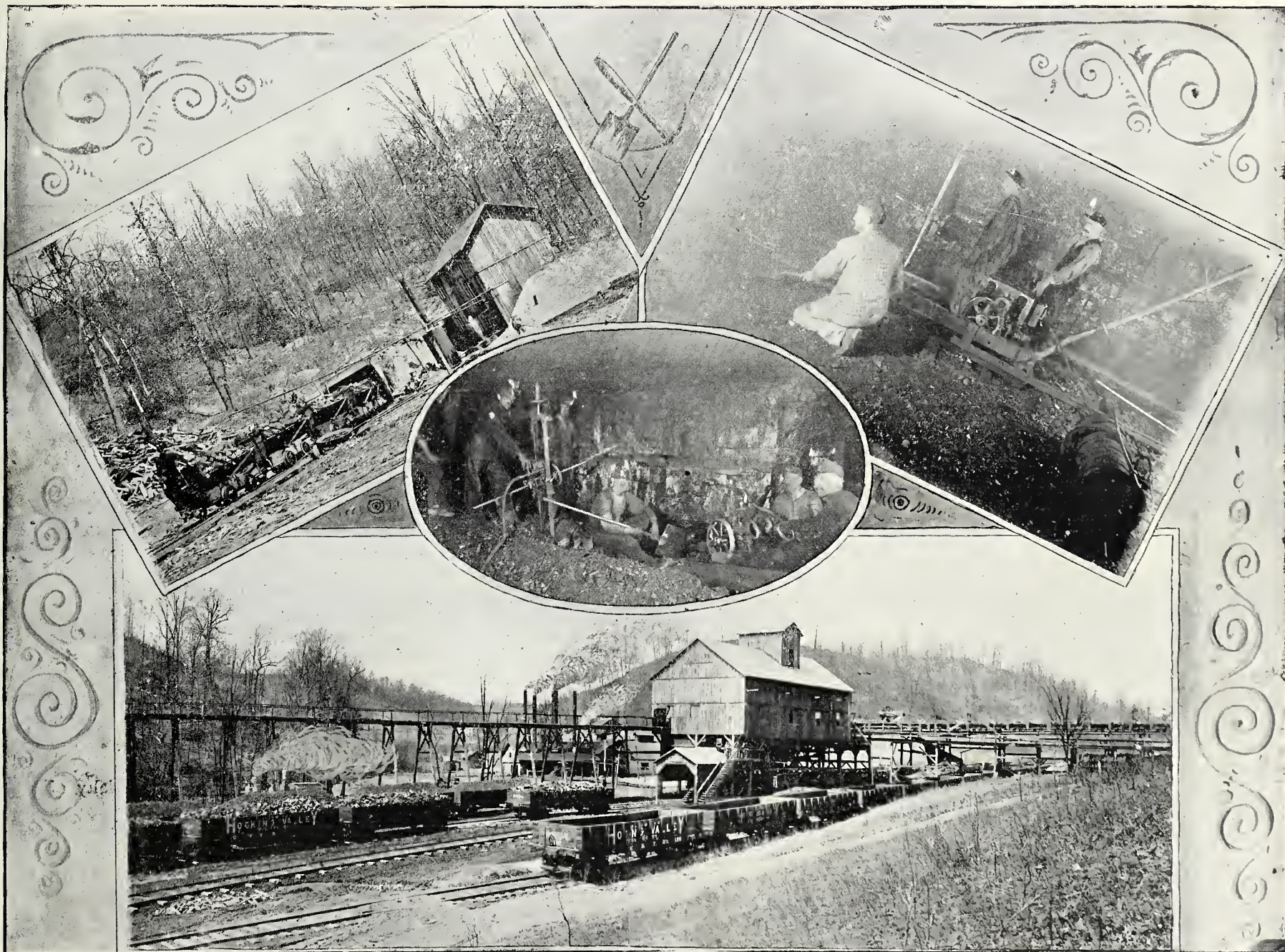


POWER HOUSE  
MEAT MARKET

GENERAL OFFICE  
C. L. POSTON'S OFFICES AND STORES

ENGINE AND DYNAMOS  
INTERIOR STORE





ENTRANCE TO MINE AND PUMP STATION

DRILL AND PUNCHING MACHINE AT WORK

CUTTING MACHINE AT WORK

VIEWS C. L. POSTON'S MINE



### CLINTON L. POSTON

Miner and shipper of Hocking Valey coal. This business was established in the year 1852 by a pioneer in coal mining, Lorenzo D. Poston. In the year 1875 the business passed into the hands of his sons and son-in-law, viz: C. L. Poston, William W. Poston and E. P. Pendleton, when the firm was known as Poston Bros.

In 1881 William W. Poston and Mrs. E. P. Pendleton, widow of E. P. Pendleton, deceased, sold their interest to William T. McClintick and Amos Smith, prominent attorneys and business men of Chillicothe, Ohio. The firm name now became C. L. Poston & Company, and was carried on until January 1, 1896, when C. L. Poston bought the interests of his partners. Under its present management it is one of the best equipped and most prolific mines in the valley. The switching and shipping facilities of this mine are not surpassed by any in this section of the State.

Until about two years ago the hoppers were inside the limits of Nelsonville, but were abandoned in 1895 and new ones constructed about one mile northwest of the town in order to avoid the long haul under the hills.

This is a machine mine and is thoroughly equipped with the most modern of both electric and compressed air mining machinery. The perfect system in vogue at this mine reduces the cost of the production to the minimum. The present capacity of the mines is 1,000 tons of coal per day, but this can easily be increased to double that amount at any time the demand may require it. The equipment of the plant is well nigh perfect. The dynamo, engine room and boilers are located in the power house, shown on the left of the general plant view. The interior of the mines are lighted by incandescent lamps and air is forced through the mines by large steam ventilating fans in such volumes that the ventilation is better and the air purer than in many of our city homes.

The entries and rooms are laid out with mathematical precision. A double track road extends from the tippie directly towards the opening, which openings are connected with this by a system of single track lines over which the mine cars are drawn to the main switch, where they are made up into long trains and hauled by a wire rope system of haulage, operated by steam power, over the cable road to the hoppers, where they are automatically dumped and the coal screened and weighed, the different grades passing into railroad cars ready for shipment.

The illustrations on the accompanying pages convey a better idea of scenes in and around the mines and the necessary accessories of the business than can be given in a written description.

The general offices and stores are in Nelsonville, occupying three large rooms on the ground floor of the Opera House Block,

and they are the best in Southeastern Ohio in their line of business, both in equipment of the offices and in the character of the stock and in the general appearance of the stores. The stores are up to date in every particular, carrying a large general assortment, and do a large business with the general public, as well as in supplying employes of the mine. In connection with their stores they operate one of the largest and finest fresh and cured meat departments in the valley.

In recent years Mr. Poston has largely increased his holdings of mineral lands, much of which is yet undeveloped, and it is of easy access to the present location of his mine plant. He is probably the largest individual holder of coal lands in the valley.

In his relation to the business interests of the valley and Nelsonville in particular, Mr. Poston holds an acknowledged leadership and the volume of his business will compare favorably with the largest in this part of Ohio.

### F. L. & S. D. PRESTON, Dry Goods, Carpets and Notions

Are successors of Hickle & Preston, who founded the business in February, 1892, the firm being composed of Geo. M. Hickle, F. L. Preston and Thos. B. Carroll, of Columbus, Ohio. Later Messrs. Hickle and Carroll retired and S. D. Preston was admitted to the business, under firm name as above. The business has been prosperous from its inception. It is by all odds the largest exclusive dry goods store in Nelsonville, occupying two floors of the new Cable & Hickman Block, one of the finest and best located business rooms in the city. Their stock was purchased to meet the growing demand for higher grade, better assortments of dry goods than was carried in the general stores, and their large trade is the best evidence of the popularity of the innovation. Their business is done on the principal of cash buying and selling on close margins.

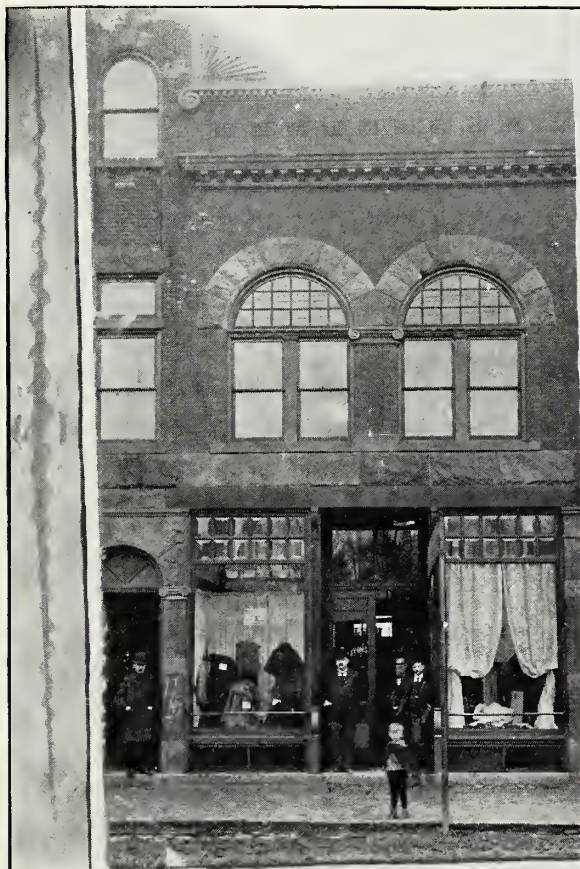
Their stock embraces a full line of staple and domestic dry goods as well as the higher qualities, both in goods for wearing apparel and for housekeeping purposes. They make a specialty of dress goods and ladies' furnishings, wraps, jackets, etc. Ladies who are satisfied with only the latest in these lines will find them here in almost endless variety. Mr. S. D. Preston is the active member of the firm in charge of the store, though his brother alternates his time between this and his clothing store.

### L. P. PRESTON & SON

For fifteen years this establishment has been one of the trade winners of the city. It was established in 1882 by L. P. Preston and his son, F. L. Preston. The senior member came to Ohio from Vermont in 1838, and located in Columbus, where he was for a number



VIEWS F. L. & S. D. PRESTON AND L. P. PRESTON & SON'S STORES



F. L. & S. D. PRESTON'S STORE

L. P. PRESTON & SON'S STORE



of years one of the leading merchants with his brother, under the firm name of L. S. & L. P. Preston. In 1866 he came to Nelsonville as store manager for W. B. Brooks, the coal operator, and in the years he continued in the business maintained a high reputation as a good merchant. He died at Nelsonville September, 1896. The junior member still adheres to the old firm name. F. L. Preston was born at Delaware, O., January 10, 1854, and received his literary and business education in Colubus, O. After leaving school he acted in the capacity of book-keeper in the office of W. B. Brooks at Columbus and Nelsonville, being in charge of the Nelsonville office prior to the venture in the clothing business there. An opening presenting itself he embarked with his father in the new field as the active manager of the business. His business tact and progressive ideas soon made their store one of the recognized leaders in their line of business in the Hocking valley. As may be seen from the cut on opposite page their store is a double-decker and is so arranged that not an inch of space is lost, and the room is excellently lighted both from front and rear. The stock embraces everything in the line of clothing, shoes and furnishings. The stock in all departments is a reflex of the latest styles and shapes and so comprehensive is it that they can fit any shaped person or foot unless it is a deformation. Mr. Preston is one of the most affable of men and his assistants partake largely of these characteristics, hence courteous treatment of their patrons is as natural as it is for water to seek its own level. Their ample means and large experience in the business enables them to meet any competition in the way of prices, and they have an enviable reputation as leaders in naming low prices in connection with good workmanship and high quality of goods.

### **C. E. POSTON, Jewelry, Drugs and Wall Paper**

Another evidence of Mr. Poston's progressive business methods is the jewelry and drug store shown on the opposite page. It not only is the finest establishment of the kind in Nelsonville, but among the very best in this section of the State. It speaks well both for the proprietor and for the town. It is an illustration of the up-to-date ideas of the former, and that Nelsonville has a class of citizens who have both the means and taste to indulge in fine luxuries. The goods would not be in the store if there was no demand for them. In their jewelry stock everything may be found that can be had in any first-class jewelry store, from a plated article up to diamonds of the first water. First-class repair work is a special feature of theirs. It is a very easy matter to be deceived in this class of goods, and it is safer to buy it of a dealer who has a reputation at stake. In buying jewelry of this house you know just what you are getting when you make the purchase and their guarantee goes with

every sale, and the guarantee is worth its face value. A guarantee, like an endorsement on a note, is no good unless there is something behind it. In the drug department the stock is large and comprehensive, embracing a great variety of patent medicines, chemicals, paints, oils, druggists' sundries, perfumes, toilet articles, school books and stationery. Prescriptions carefully compounded by a graduate in the school of pharmacy.

### **STANDARD CLOTHING HOUSE**

Of which Mr. C. E. Poston is the proprietor, is one of the very largest establishments in the Hocking Valley that make a specialty of men's wear and ladies' and children's shoes. Mr. Poston is a native of Nelsonville, his father, L. D. Poston, being one of the pioneer coal operators of the Valley, and became a large property owner in Nelsonville and vicinity. He had faith in the future of the town and his large resources were freely used in developing the industrial and commercial resources of Nelsonville. His sons have followed his footsteps in that respect. C. E. Poston is a large individual holder of Nelsonville real estate, proprietor of the finest drug and jewelry store in the town, half owner of the Nelsonville bank and one of the heaviest taxpayers in the city. He is recognized as one of the most progressive and public spirited business men of the town, as well as one of the wealthiest, and no movement that promises a permanent benefit to the city but that has his active support. While Mr. Poston does not personally take an active part in conducting the Standard Clothing House (formerly known as Hineman & Co.), the store is a reflex of his up-to-date business methods. It is idle talk for anyone to claim that they are in a better position to offer inducements to the public than is the Standard Clothing House. They are doing a large business that requires heavy purchases and being in a position to pay cash for them, no house in the country owns their goods at a lower cost, and no one who pays for his goods can sell them any cheaper. The stock is very complete in every department and it is made up of the latest and best that the market affords, with a view of meeting the requirements of both the good dresser, who is fastidious about his personal appearance and the man who wants to make his dollars reach to the farthest possible limit. Whether a man wants a working outfit, a business suit or wedding garments, he need go no farther than the Standard Clothing House and he will find the assortments almost unlimited in hats, neckwear, underwear, shirts, hosiery, shoes, umbrellas, trunks, valises, etc., and at prices that will meet competition either at home or abroad. The stock of ladies' and children's shoes is the largest and finest in the city, and, like the other goods in the house, the prices are right. Remember the Standard Clothing House.





EXTERIOR DRUG AND JEWELRY STORE  
INTERIOR

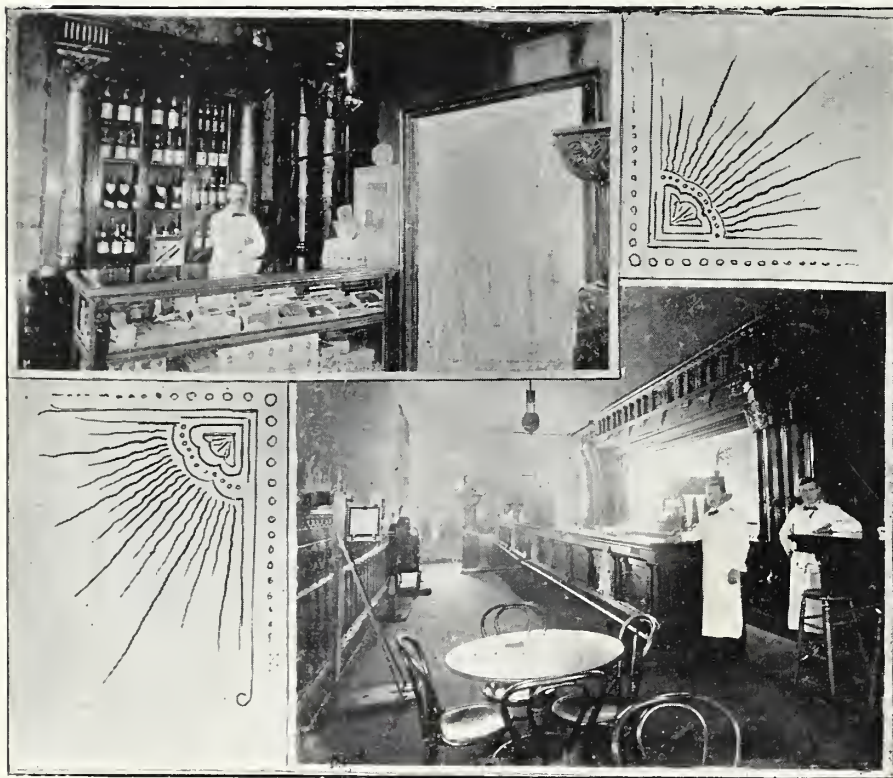
INTERIOR STANDARD CLOTHING HOUSE  
EXTERIOR

VIEWS C. E. POSTON'S STORES



**WILSON & ROSSER,****Sample Room, Cigar Stand and Lunch Counter**

Man is a sociable creature and is fond of the companionship of his fellow-men, hence the necessity of public houses, reading rooms and places of common resort where they may congregate for recreation, amusement and to while away an idle hour. Of the numerous places of this kind in the limits of the county, the one shown in the accompanying cut, of which Messrs. Wilson & Rosser are the proprietors, is perhaps the finest in all its appointments of any that could be named. Any of the different varieties of wines and liquors may be obtained at their counter, or those who prefer it, may have the amber brew of barley and hops. As fine a smoke as a man may want may be obtained at their cigar stand, or, if he is hungry, his appetite may be appeased at their lunch counter, and it will be good.

**BENCH AND BAR****OF ATHENS COUNTY****CHARLES TOWNSEND**

Of Athens, Secretary of the State of Ohio, was born at Harrisville, Belmont county, Ohio, December 22, 1834. He is a son of Samuel and Rebecca Townsend, the former of English and the latter of Irish descent. His ancestry on both sides were citizens of this country before the Revolution, and took an active part in the war for the freeing of the colonists. The primary education of Mr. Townsend was obtained in the common schools of Athens county. Later he entered the Ohio University at Athens, from which he graduated in 1861. During his collegiate course he relied upon his own efforts for support, teaching in the public schools in winter and returning to his class in the spring, and was thus enabled to complete his studies. He



He founded Decamp Institute, in Meigs county, Ohio, and was in charge of that institution when the war began, leaving it to engage in the service of the national government. In July, 1861, he enlisted a company of Ohio volunteers for a three years' service in the war. August 15 of the same year he was made captain of the Thirtieth regiment, Ohio Volunteer infantry, and acted in this capacity until 1864. January 27, of this year, as a recognition of merit, as a soldier and an officer, he was promoted to be major

of his regiment. He participated in nearly all the great battles of the army, of which his command formed a part, and was mustered out of the service near the close of the war, having been injured by a bursting shell near Atlanta, Georgia.

Soon after his return he entered the lay school in Cincinnati,



where, in the spring of 1866, he graduated, and, being admitted to the bar, began the practice of law at Athens, Ohio. As the result of three successive elections he was prosecuting attorney of Athens county for six years.

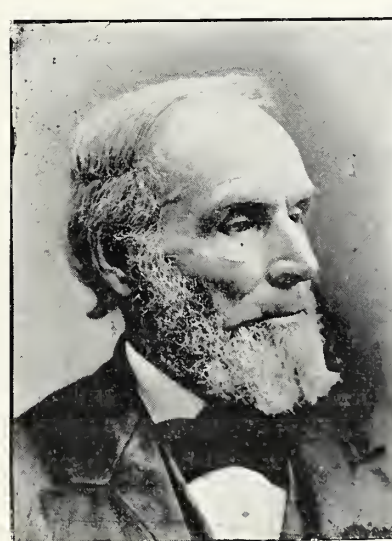
He has twice been elected to the Ohio House of Representatives from Athens county. His fellow-members in the Legislature regarded him as a wise and prudent counsel, and of their own accord began paving the way for his nomination for the office of Secretary of the State at the close of his legislative career. In the state election of 1880 Major Townsend was elected to the position and held the office for years. Major Townsend has always been a Republican, and, being well informed on current topics and an excellent speaker, has rendered his party valued service in the state. October 7, 1858, he was married to Miss Margaret J. Allen, of Athens county, who had been his playmate in youth, and later his schoolmate and familiar acquaintance. Socially, he stands high among his compeers, being noted for his polished and agreeable manners and most exemplary habits. He is agreeably quiet and unassuming, but, withal, highly entertaining in conversation when his acquaintance has been formed. He is satisfied in doing his duty, and neither desires, nor permits any fullsome laudations of his career, either in public or private life. He believes that men should treat all matters of public import with the same sincerity, candor and integrity that they would those of a purely private nature. He is still in the active practice of his profession in partnership with Charles D. Hopkins, and is one of the leading members of the bar of Southeastern Ohio.



MAJOR CHARLES TOWNSEND'S RESIDENCE

### JOHN WELCH, LL. D.

A lawyer of distinction, and for thirteen years a Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio, was born in Harrison County, Ohio, October 28, 1805. His father, Thomas Welch, and his mother, Martha Daugherty, the one of English and the other of Irish parentage, were among the earliest pioneers to that part of the State. John Welch was one of a family of seven sons and four daughters, and, his father being a man of limited means, the son's early educational advantages were circumscribed to the meager opportunities afforded in his own immediate neighborhood. When eighteen years old, his father, at his earnest solicitation, gave him his time, and he began to address himself seriously to obtaining such an education as he had de-



JOHN WELCH



JOHNSON M. WELCH

termined to procure. He taught school, and devoted his earnings to the prosecution of higher studies, in 1825 entering Franklin College, and in due time, by alternating teaching and attendance at that institution, succeeded in graduating from it with honor.

Having decided upon the law as his profession, in January, 1829, he commenced his legal studies under the preceptorship of Joseph Dana, of Athens. He was very fortunate in his selection of a calling, as subsequent experience proved, being possessed of a strong, analytical mind, and being otherwise adapted to the profession. He applied himself to his studies with such earnestness that his health became greatly impaired, and by the advice of his physician he discontinued his studies for a time, and began other work,



finding employment in a saw and grist mill. By varying the labors attending this occupation with study, he did not fail to realize from both, and while regaining his health he was also acquiring the information that enabled him, in 1833, to pass an examination and to be admitted to practice.

Having married, some three years previously, the daughter of Captain William Starr, of Middletown, Connecticut, he decided to make his home in Athens, O., and has resided in that place until his death. Having brought to the practice of his profession the ability, energy and diligence which distinguished him in every previous engagement, he soon became established as a prosperous lawyer, with cases of importance always on hand. In 1845 he was elected to the State Senate, and served a term of two years in that body. In 1850 he was, as the successor of Hon. Samuel F. Vinton, elected to Congress, and served a term also in that body; but, by reason of his district being gerrymandered during that term, he was not re-elected.

In Congress he distinguished himself by delivering a speech on the public lands, which was published at length in the *National Intelligencer*. In 1852 he was a delegate to the Baltimore Convention which nominated Gen. Scott for President, and in 1856 he was a member of the Electoral College that cast the vote of Ohio for John C. Fremont. In 1862 he was elected Judge of the Court of Common Pleas, and sat on the bench of that Court three years, when he was appointed to the Supreme Bench of Ohio, to succeed Hon. Rufus P. Rainey, who had resigned. He was elected three times to the Supreme Bench, was twice Chief Justice, and in all served thirteen years, when he retired, and once more engaged in practice. His judicial opinions are contained in the *Ohio State Reports*, Vols. XVI to XXVI, inclusive; also a few in Vol. XXIX, and are characterized by clearness, cogency, condensation, and rank with those of the ablest judges of that bench.

Judge Welch has made an exceptionally high record as a lawyer. His experience at the bar covers a period of over forty years. In the earlier years of his practice he was a contemporary of Thos. Ewing, the elder, Henry Stanberry, Hunter and Goddard, and in many of his more important cases met in legal controversy those distinguished lawyers.

Judge Welch had four children—two sons and two daughters. He continued the practice of his profession in connection with his son, Johnston M., until the time of his death.

He is the author of "Welch's Index-Digest" of the *Ohio Decisions*, which was published in 1886, and of a second volume of the

same work, published in 1891. Judge Welch died August 5, 1891, being almost 86 years old.

### JOHNSON M. WELCH

Of Athens, a prominent lawyer, and a Major in the late war of the Rebellion, is a native of Athens County, being the son of John Welch, LL.D., late Judge of the Supreme Court of Ohio. He was born April 20, 1832, and at an early age matriculated at the Ohio University, where his early education was acquired. Quitting that institution, at the age of nineteen, he commenced the study of the law under the tuition of his father. He partially completed his course, when he was appointed to a clerical position in the Interior Department at Washington. Ill health necessitated his retirement from that position, and he spent a number of months in travel, recruiting his health. In 1856-7, he was engaged in mercantile business in Athens, but, resuming the study of the law, he completed his course, and was admitted to practice in 1858. He was thus engaged until the breaking out of the war. In July, 1861, he recruited Company C, 18th O. V. I., Colonel T. R. Stanley. His regiment was attached to the Army of the Cumberland, and he served as Captain of Company C with credit until his promotion to a Major, June, 1863.

During Major Welch's time of service he was largely employed on staff duty. He participated in most of the battles of his department, including Stone River and Chickamauga. At Stone River he received a severe shell wound in his left leg. During the winter and spring of 1864 he was in command of his regiment. He filled the arduous position of Provost Marshal at Chattanooga and discharged the multifarious duties of that office with signal ability.

On his return from the army, in November, 1864, he resumed the practice of his profession, and on the retirement of his father from the Supreme Bench formed a law partnership with him which continued until the death of the latter. Later he became largely interested in the mineral lands of Southeastern Ohio, and he has conducted with success operations of great magnitude.

While holding pronounced views upon all political questions of the day, Major Welch has never entered actively into politics, being content to preserve to his community simply the relations of an able and skilled lawyer and an enterprising business man. In civil as in military life, he is distinguished by his great tact and administrative ability, which have enabled him to conceive great projects and push them to a successful conclusion. Since 1882 he has been President of the Athens Gas Light Company. He is one of the



# MEMBERS ATHENS COUNTY BAR



A. E. PRICE  
MAJOR L. M. JEWETT  
HARRY G. STALDER

W. M. HIGLEY  
JUDGE J. M. WOOD  
J. P. WOOD

A. M. LEWIS  
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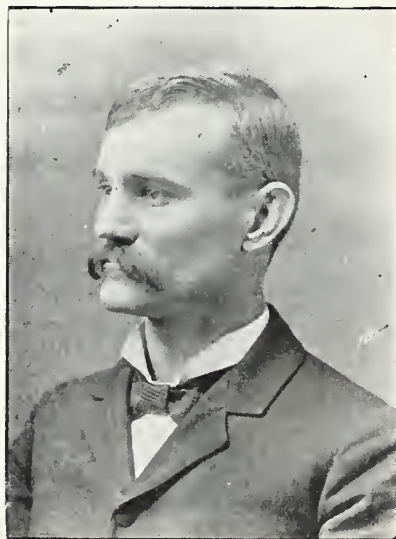


Board of Trustees of the Ohio University, and is much interested in the welfare of that institution. He has been engaged for some time on a Revision of the Index-Digest of Ohio Decisions, a work of which his father, Judge John Welch, was the author, to which will be added the decisions of the Ohio courts rendered since that work was published.

Major Welch was married in 1853 to Adeline Carpenter. She died in 1866, and he was a second time married in 1870 to Miss Ella Cadwallader, of Marietta, Ohio.

### WILLIAM E. PETERS

One of the leading attorneys at the Athens bar, is a native of Butler County, Ohio, and has been the architect of his own success and prominence. Mr. Peters came to this county in the fall of 1881, as a railroad civil engineer, having charge, as division engineer, of the building of that part of the present Kanawha & Michigan Railroad lying between this city and Glouster. For several years afterwards he was located at Nelsonville as a mining engineer, and ranked as one of the leading members of that profession in Ohio. He is cited, in the Navy Department of the United States, as one of the original investigators as to the effect gases in mines and ship-holds would have upon an electric light.



Mr. Peters graduated at the National Normal School, at Lebanon, Ohio, in the scientific, commercial and engineering departments, receiving the highest grade given by that institution to any one in engineering, in the successful practice of which profession, since, he has shown especial fitness. His education and experience in that line have also particularly qualified him for the successful practice of that intricate and extensive branch of law known as real estate law, in which branch few lawyers can engage with success. As a result, Mr. Peters has built up a very remunerative practice, and his clients include almost all corporations doing business in this part

of the State. His opinion upon the character of the title to property is given much weight. His services have been sought in all land deals of any magnitude consummated in Athens County since his admission to the bar.

Besides being successful in two intricate professions, Mr. Peters has also filled a number of public offices with much credit to himself and satisfaction to his constituents. In 1880 he was census enumerator and township clerk of Loramie Township, Shelby County, O. In 1887 he was elected surveyor of Athens County, but declined a second term to engage in the practice of law. While surveyor of Athens County, he was also President of the State Board of County Surveyors. When the Australian system of voting was adopted in this State, Mr. Peters was selected as the Secretary of the Board of Elections of Athens County, and served two terms. He was selected, in 1896, for the third time, and is the present Secretary of that Board.



HARRY CRIPPEN'S RESIDENCE, ATHENS



**A. ALONZO AMOS**

Was born at Ringgold, Morgan County, Ohio, September 15, 1859. Received his elementary education at the village school in the town of his nativity. Was li-



censed to teach in the common schools of his county in the spring of 1879, from which time he spent his time in teaching, and attending schools, alternately, until August, 1886, when he graduated at the National Normal University, at Lebanon, Ohio, receiving the degree of Bachelor of Science. In August, 1886, he accepted a position as teacher of Mathematics and Natural Sciences in "La Fayette College," at La Fayette, Alabama, where he re-

mained one year. Then, at the solicitations of friends who had moved from Alabama to Texas, he accepted a position as Principal of the high school at Douglasville, Texas, which position he held from September, 1887, to May, 1890. He had marked success as an educator, and was one of the county school examiners during the last year of his residence in Texas.

In June, 1889, he began the study of law with F. S. Eberhardt, of the firm of O'Niel & Eberhardt, of Linden, Texas. Was admitted into the senior class of the Cincinnati Law School in October, 1890, and graduated from said school in May, 1891, and was at the same time admitted to the bar of Ohio.

Remained in Cincinnati until September of same year, when he accepted a position as teacher in Barnes' Academy, at Lenoir, N. C., where he remained one academic year, returning to Ohio in June, 1892, and locating at Glouster, Athens County, Ohio, where he has continued the practice of his profession up to the present time. Has an excellent practice and is a very careful and conscientious attorney.

**REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS OF THE COUNTY****DR. F. P. McVEY**

Dr. F. P. McVay, the subject of this sketch, was born at Newport, Washington County, Ohio, March 10, 1853. His boyhood days were spent on a farm, and he was educated in the schools of Newport, the place of his nativity. After holding the position as clerk in a store for several years, he began business for himself at Hulls, this county, where later on his entire property, the accumulation of business tact and economy, was totally destroyed by fire. As there was no insurance on the property everything was a complete loss. He then received employment at the Athens Asylum as attendant, at which institution he began the study of medicine. After filling this position creditably three years, he resigned to attend the Physicians' Medical College, at Cincinnati, from which institution he graduated in 1885. On his return from Cincinnati, Dr. McVay located at Hulls and subsequently at Gusville, and after five consecutive years of successful practice, he entered the Columbus Medical College, and from that place graduated in 1891. Thus doubly equipped for the prosecution of his chosen work, he located in Athens, where he has been phenomenally successfully as a practitioner. His office was formerly on State street, but it is now located on North Court street, two doors from the Bank of Athens. Not only is Dr. McVay a prosperous physician, but he is held in high repute as a citizen. He is a member of four bodies of the Masonic Lodge—Blue Lodge, Chapter, Council and Knights Templar, and is present high priest of Athens Chapter. He is also a member of the Knights of Pythias Lodge; he is a member of the City Council, Chairman of the Street Committee, and member of the Committee on Public Buildings and Finances. Dr. McVay is characteristically public-spirited and is classed among the substantial and progressive citizens of Athens.





# PROMINENT ATHENS COUNTY PHYSICIANS



C. W. CABLE, Nelsonville  
S. E. BUTT, Nelsonville  
E. WELCH, Nelsonville

E. D. HARPER, Athens  
N. HILL, Nelsonville  
J. S. HUNT, Athens



MRS. DR. E. H. RORICK,  
Matron Ohio State Hospital

DR. E. H. RORICK,  
Superintendent Ohio State Hospital



DR. CRAWFORD AND WIFE, GLOUSTER



**A. J. CRAWFORD, M. D., Glouster**

Is a native of Ohio, born in Perry county, near New Straitsville, March 6, 1862. He was reared on a farm. After completing his literary education he read medicine with Dr. H. C. Allen, of New Straitsville, later attending the College of Physicians and Surgeons, Baltimore, Md., taking a special course in surgery and graduating from the institution in March, 1887. He immediately began the practice of his profession in Glouster, and in the ten years of residence there has built up a large practice and thoroughly established himself in the confidence of the public. He was married February 14, 1889, to Miss Ella Jones, of Glouster, and they reside in a commodious and well-furnished home overlooking the business part of the town. Dr. Crawford is the surgeon for the Toledo and Ohio Central railroad, Kanawha and Michigan railroad and Columbus, Sandusky and Hocking railroad. In his political affiliations he is Republican, and while he eschews public office, he takes an active part in local politics.



DR. PRITCHARD'S RESIDENCE, Nelsonville

**E. R. LASH, Druggist**

A man who has always been a resident of Athens and who has been identified with the city's material prosperity is E. R. Lash. Mr. Lash successfully conducts the oldest drug establishment, not only in Athens, but in the county, having begun business for himself in 1873. About the year of 1848, John Perkins established this well-known drug house on Court street, near the Court House, and for almost half a century the concern has been in constant operation. This is, indeed, something that can be said of few establishments of any kind, and during this long period the firm has changed names but once. In 1873, Mr. Lash became the sole owner of the business, and in 1879 removed his store to its present location in the Phoenix Block, on Court street. Success has crowned Mr. Lash's industry and enterprise, and he is known for his integrity in all his business relations. His establishment is centrally located, and his stock of goods embraces everything usually found in a first-class drug store. Mr. A. G. Miller is the accommodating and genial clerk.

Mr. Lash was born November 20, 1848, in Alexander Township. Mr. Lash received his education at the Ohio University, leaving that institution when a sophomore. After completing his literary education he studied pharmacy. Since engaging in business for himself, and the fact that he has been conducting his establishment nearly twenty-five years, is sufficient evidence of his success. Though having no political aspirations, he has been closely identi-



E. R. LASH



DR. Z. V. RANEY, Logan



fied with the Democratic party. For two years he was a member of the Board of Trustees of the Athens State Hospital, being President of the Board, having received his appointment by Governor Campbell. In 1894, he was the Democratic candidate for Congress, and in 1896 was chosen Presidential elector for this district. As a business man he is public-spirited and substantial, and as a citizen he has the esteem of all.

#### DR. Z. V. RANEY

Is a dentist of Logan, O., but it is not for that reason we give him a space in this book. He has not confined himself so closely to his practice as to lose sight of all things else. He has made extensive researches in different branches of therapeutics and one of his discoveries entitles him to be placed among the benefactors of the human race—it is a cancer cure that really cures—it is wonderful in its effects; several persons in Hocking and adjacent counties have had this dreadful scourge entirely eradicated from their systems by Dr. Raney's treatment, after being pronounced by eminent specialists to be beyond human aid. There are several living examples within easy reach of Logan who are indebted to the doctor and his potent remedy for their existence to-day. In a larger center of population

this remedy of itself would have brought the doctor into greater prominence ere this. This remedy has never failed where applied and every reader of this article who knows of a case of cancer will not have fulfilled the divine command of "doing as they wish to be done by," unless they call the attention of their afflicted neighbor to this road to sure relief.

#### FRANK G. MARTIN

Was born near Downingtown, Meigs County, Ohio, April 12, 1870. He received a thorough common school education and at the age of seventeen began to teach. He taught for several years, in the meantime completing the preparatory course in West Virginia college.

His newspaper career began in May, 1892, when he became local editor of the Valley Register, Nelsonville. Within six months he was made associate editor and served in that capacity until September, 1893, when he left the Register and became local editor of the Athens Herald, which position he held until the consolidation of the Herald with the Messenger, January 1, 1894.

Mr. Martin went with the Herald plant to McArthur, and was in at the birth of the Vinton County Republican. For four months he had editorial charge of the Republican. In June, 1894, he obtained a position on the Athens Messenger and Herald as local editor, and held that position until September, 1895.

Having nursed the ambition for several years to engage in city journalism, Mr. Martin decided to try the South as a field of action, and in October, 1895, went to Chattanooga, Tenn., where he obtained a position on the reportorial staff of the Daily Times, regarded as one of the most enterprising dailies in the South. Mr. Martin had a successful experience in his new field from the start. His worth soon attracted the attention of the management, and within a few months he was advanced to the most responsible work on the reportorial staff, several times being assigned to report events of more than local importance. March 1, 1897, he was promoted to the position of city editor of The Times.

Mr. Martin owes whatever success he may have achieved to studious habits, thoroughness and accuracy. From early childhood he has been an omnivorous reader, and supplemented his lack of the advantages of a complete college training by systematic self-education. Whatever he has accomplished has been by his own efforts.



DR. H. LARCH, Athens



FRANK G. MARTIN, Chattanooga, Tenn.





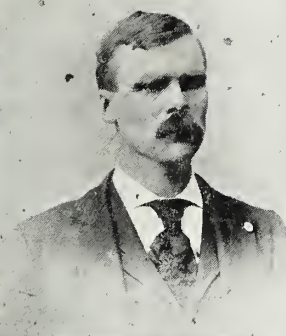
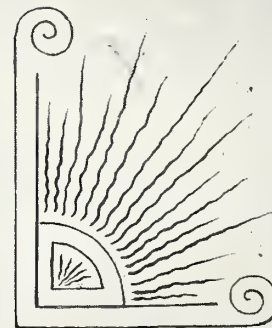
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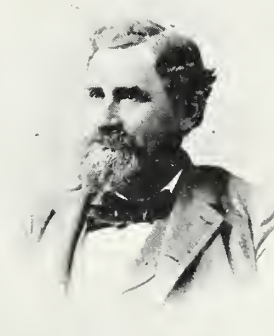
E. G. BIDDISON, COUNTY TREASURER.



D. A. R. MCKINSTRY, CLERK OF COURTS.



JOHN BURSON, COUNTY COMMISSIONER.



JEFFERSON PERRY, COUNTY COMMISSIONER.



SHERIFF M. M. RILEY.



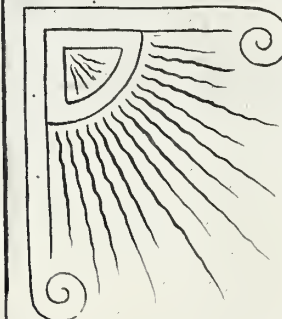
JUDGE A. S. BETHEL, PROBATE COURT.



LEROY BEAN, COUNTY RECORDER.



ABNER JUNIPER, COUNTY COMMISSIONER.



GROUP COUNTY OFFICIALS



### JAMES R. SMITH

The affable and popular C., H. V. & T. conductor, is a native of Ohio, the son of G. W. and Eliza (Courtney) Smith, the former of English and the latter of Irish descent. His parents came to Ohio from Massachusetts, near Boston, before railroads made their appearance in this State, journeying the entire distance in wagons, locating at Lancaster, where our subject was born, May 13, 1859. He received a good common school education in the public schools of Lancaster. At the age of sixteen he went to work on a farm, continuing the avocation for four years, when he took up railroading, first as a brakeman on the C. & M. V. R. R. on the run between Zanesville and Morrow. He remained in this position for two years, when he left that road to accept a position on the C., H. V. & T. R. R. as a freight brakeman. After sixteen months' service with this line he was advanced to the position of conductor in the freight service, holding the position until 1891, when he was promoted to the passenger department, and has been running as a passenger conductor ever since, on every division of the line and is familiar with every foot of the track from the northern to the southern terminus of the road. Mr. Smith moved to Athens in the spring of 1892 and two years later was chosen to represent his ward in the City Council. In politics he is a Republican and takes an active interest in party affairs, and is a vice chairman of the Athens County Republican Central Committee.

### C. S. NEWSOM, Funeral Director, Undertaker and Furniture

Mr. Newsom is a native of Ohio, a lineal descendant of one of the pioneer settlers of Gallipolis. He was reared in the latter town, coming to Athens in 1881 as upholsterer at the Ohio State Hospital, holding the position until 1889, when he resigned and purchased the undertaking business of John H. Walker (a thoroughly practical embalmer and funeral director), who became Mr. Newsom's assistant. Possessing the traits of both a good business man and a good embalmer, the venture was a success from the start and the business soon outgrew its quarters and a move was made into the Moore & Russell block, their present quarters. Having determined to make this his life work, Mr. Newsom set about preparing himself thoroughly for the business, first attending a school of embalming at Columbus, O., under the charge of Professor Clark, and later with another school at Cincinnati. Having succeeded so well in caring for the dead, he thought he might assume the care of at least one living

person, and undertook to change the name of Miss Wilson, of Mansfield, O., to that of Mrs. Newsom, and as in his other enterprises, he was successful, and he avers that so far as he is concerned the partnership has been more than satisfactory. Mrs. Newsom, whose former name was Lotta Wilson, has also had much experience in caring for the dead, having served eight years in that capacity in the women's wards in the State Hospital. The knowledge gained there is of invaluable assistance to her in the conduct of their business, her services being called into requisition in caring for deceased ladies. She also takes charge of the furniture store, which is an important part of their business, making most of the sales and answering the store calls. Their business, both in the undertaking and furniture department, is large and growing. Both Mr. and Mrs. Newsom are eminently qualified for the business; they are progressive in their business methods and keep their stock up to date in every department of their business. Good work, prompt service, reasonable charges, appreciation of the feelings of the living and respect for the dead, and the taste and good judgment shown in the conduct of funerals are features that have contributed largely to their large patronage as undertakers and funeral directors.

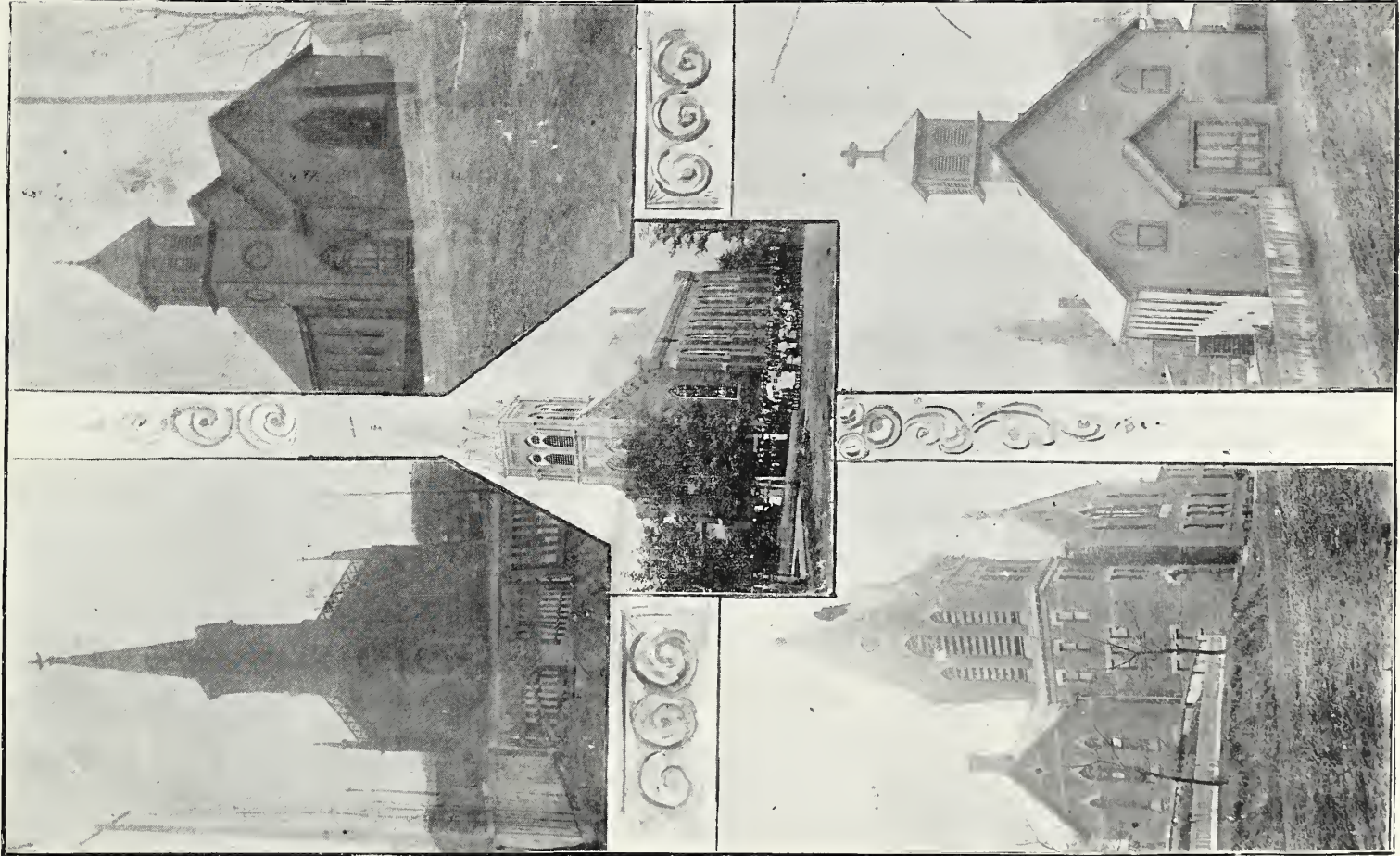


C. S. NEWSOM



MRS. LOTTA NEWSOM





PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH,  
Nelsonville  
PUBLIC SCHOOL No. 2,  
Nelsonville

CATHOLIC CHURCH, Athens

CHRISTIAN CHURCH,  
Athens  
CATHOLIC CHURCH,  
Nelsonville



### JOHN BROWN

John Brown, a former banker, and a leading and influential citizen of Athens, Ohio, was born in Washington county, December 23, 1801, and died at Athens, October 18, 1875. He was of New England ancestry and comes of a family, many members of which were marked characters in their days; and few families in Ohio have a recorded history anterior to the one in question. The original progenitor of the stock in America was William Brown, who settled in Massachusetts at a date somewhat

prior to 1660. Descendants of William were prominent in their time. Benjamin Brown fought in the French wars, participating in several notable engagements. A later generation of Browns were soldiers in the Revolutionary army, and one Captain Benjamin Brown became especially distinguished in the field for gallant and meritorious services, which were recognized by tendering him the position of aide-de-camp on the staff of Baron De Kalb, which honor was declined. He was twice wounded at the memorable battle of Bunker Hill. He came to Ohio in 1797, settling in Washington county. Samuel Brown was the oldest son of Captain Brown and the father of our subject. He came West with his parents, landing at Marietta, but settled in Athens county, Dover township. His wife was Lydia Thayer, of Taunton, Mass. They were the parents of seven children, of whom John was the youngest. In 1836 our subject was married to Susan Green, of Washington county, settling first in Trimble township, removing to Albany in 1840. He engaged in the mercantile business and banking there until 1868, when he came to Athens and founded the Bank of Athens, in connection with his son, James D. Brown. A prominent educator, writing of him, says: "Throughout his career he sustained a marked character. In whatever community he lived, wherever his influence extended, he was recognized as a man of sagacity and strength. Without high official station and without undue self-assertion, he was by inherent superiority a public man. The only public office he ever held was that of county commis-



sioner, to which he was three times elected without his consent and against his wishes, and it is the opinion of some that he was the ablest, or, at least, one of the ablest who has filled that position in Athens county. But in office or out of office his friends and neighbors habitually consulted his judgment and his opinions always commanded respect."

His powers of application were immense and, possessing strong powers of analysis, his mind naturally turned to those things which would allow it full scope. He was a close student of chemistry and physics, and pursued them in private with his customary exactness and thoroughness. Versatility was a marked characteristic of the man, and in this connection we have occasion to quote again: "To the general public he was best known as a business man. In practical matters he displayed clear perceptions, sound judgment and great caution; and he managed his affairs with such discretion that he succeeded in building up no inconsiderable fortune. But it would be a wide mistake to suppose that business occupied his whole attention. In fact, he seemed to find in almost every subject an active, human interest. Science, philosophy, theology, local politics, social and religious movements—whatever engaged the public mind, and whatever concerned human welfare, claimed and received a share of his attention. Like Terence, he could say: 'I count nothing pertaining to man foreign to me.'" While it would seem that he was a remarkable man and capable of assuming public trusts and discharging them with ability, his retiring disposition restrained him from entering public life. Under a stern exterior he carried a warm heart, and his many exhibitions of kindness are recorded in the hearts of many.

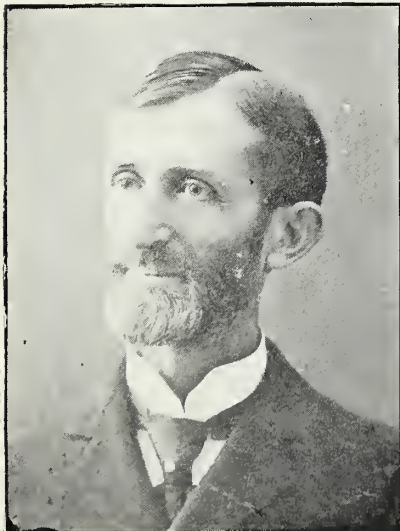
During the late war a large portion of his time was consumed in attending to the wants of the families of soldiers. Such a life cannot perish. The name of John Brown—the natural sequence of a life so unpretentious—but his influence will continue to propagate itself forever, and while his biographer cannot record the storming of a redoubt, nor assign him the post of leader in a charge, yet posterity will accord him a position—not the least—among the chief representatives of the pioneer citizenship of Ohio.

### JAMES D. BROWN

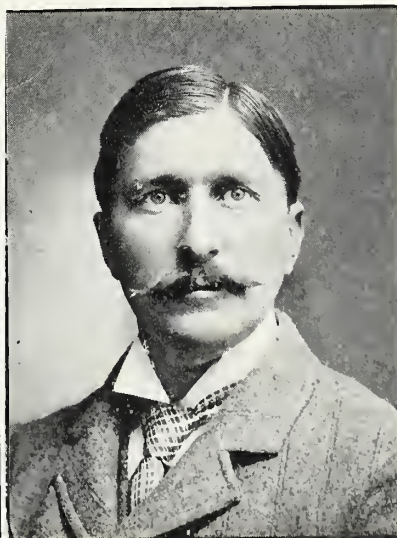
Banker and prominent citizen of Athens, is a native of this county, born at Albany, August 27, 1845. His parents were John and Susan (Green) Brown, whose family history is given in the foregoing sketch. Mr. Brown's literary education was obtained in the High School of his native town and under the tutelage of his father, and was eminently practical, as must, of necessity, result in the uniting of excellent natural qualifications with good opportunities. His business career began in 1865, when he entered into partnership with



his father at Albany, three years later removing to Athens, where they established the Bank of Athens in a building on the same site as the present bank. This connection continued until the death of the senior Mr. Brown in 1875, when the bank passed under the sole control of James D. Brown, the surviving partner. Under his efficient management the bank has grown to be one of the leading fiduciary institutions of Southeastern Ohio. Politically he affiliates with the Republican party, but takes no active part in party politics. He eschews political office, as his father did, and confines himself to the sphere of a leading and influential business man, though he has held, by appointment, several public positions of trust and responsibility, which came to him without any solicitation on his part. He is and has been for several years one of the state trustees of the Boys' Reform School at Lancaster and a trustee of the Ohio Home for Epileptics at Gallipolis ever since its inception. He served for a time in the late war of the rebellion, going out with the One Hundred and Forty-first regiment, Ohio Volunteer Infantry, as a private. He is a member of the order of Odd Fellows and also of the Masons and is an elder in the local society of the Presbyterian church. On the 28th of May, 1867, Mr. Brown entered into the matrimonial relation with Miss Lizzie Armstrong, of Athens, who died in 1887, and by her had two children, a son and a daughter. He was married on June 4, 1889, to Alice D. Hawkes, of Circleville, O., and the family residence is in the well furnished home, corner Court and ——— street.



JAMES D. BROWN

F. C. ROCHESTER,  
Financial Secretary Ohio State Hospital

### FRANCIS W. TIPTON

Francis W. Tipton was a native of Jefferson county, Ohio, born December 21, 1821. His father was a farmer, and at an early



age our subject learned the use of the hoe and axe, and the necessities of his father were such that his boyhood days were largely spent in the lighter work of the farm and he had not the full advantage of even the meagre school advantages of those days. He, however, improved the opportunities he had, both in the school-room and during his leisure hours at home, and by the time he reached the age of maturity he was well informed in all the common branches, and in mathematics and orthography he

attained a degree of accuracy that would have been very creditable even with much greater educational advantages. He removed to Troy township, Athens county, with his parents in 1836 and took an active part in hewing the logs from which the family homestead was constructed. The house is still standing and is occupied as a residence. Industry and perseverance were his predominating characteristics. He made such use of his time that at the age of 22 he owned fifty acres of land, partially improved, paid for by his own labor wholly.

He was married January 16, 1844, to Elizabeth Cole, daughter of Joshua Cole, of Jefferson county, a woman of rare Christian virtues, strong force of character and a true helpmate. She died July 19, 1877, after rearing a family of nine children. They settled on a quarter section of land in Troy township that was all in the woods, with the exception of about ten acres. He cleared up the land and made that his home for over a quarter of a century. He prospered from the start, as is almost invariably the case where persevering industry, thrifty habits and good judgment meet in the same person. He did not confine himself long to the farm exclusively, but began in a small way at first buying the products of the country, principally timber and sawed lumber, which he shipped to Cincinnati and Southern markets. A little later he opened a general store at Torch post-office and became a heavy shipper of lumber, which he floated down the Ohio river to its destination. In the spring of 1865 he left the



farm and engaged in the mercantile business at Unionport, Jefferson county, Ohio, near the place of his nativity, and, with the exception of the five years between 1875 and 1880, when he was back on the farm, he has been engaged in selling goods ever since. For the last fifteen years he has been located at Logan, the county-seat of Hocking county. He is of an unassuming disposition, with a disinclination to ask favors of any person and never sought or held public office, with the exception of several terms as postmaster and justice of the peace, which came to him entirely unsolicited. During the war physical infirmities prevented him from engaging in army services, but he took a strong stand in support of the Union, sent a substitute to the field, contributed to the support of soldiers' families, and when the draft was pending, he, with other men of means of the township, raised more than a sufficiency of money to hire substitutes to fill the township quota. He is a home man, the time not devoted to business has been spent in the domestic circle. He has given his

children a liberal education and a fair start in life. He has for over half a century been a member of the Baptist church and a liberal supporter of the church and church charities. The old Baptist church at Torch postoffice was built through his exertions and largely with his means. His donations to charity have not been confined to his own denominational church, but have been widely scattered, and may be seen in endowments for colleges, public charities, etc., and one of the strongest merits of his giving has been that it was given without ostentation. He has strictly adhered to the Bible injunction in this respect to "not let his left hand know what his right hand doeth." He has traveled extensively in the United States, and on one of his journeys received an injury in a railroad collision, the effects of which he will carry with him to his final resting-place. He was married November 10, 1880, to Josephine O. Oakes, daughter of Sumner and Ellen Oakes, and descendant of one of the pioneer settlers of the state, her grandfather coming to Ohio in the latter part of the last century, and was one of the first families to locate south of Marietta, residing for several years in a block house, and served under the post commander at Marietta as an Indian spy. After the Indian wars were over the family homestead was removed to a beautiful site on the Ohio river, in Belpre township, and which has ever since remained in the family.

They reside in a beautifully located and well furnished home in Logan and are passing the lives of quiet and useful citizens.

#### **HOTEL BOWKLEY, Gloucester**

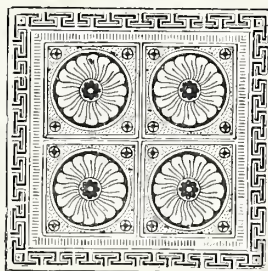
The only first-class hotel in the city. Hot water heat throughout the house; cuisine unsurpassed. Location adjoins the Toledo & Ohio Central Depot, and is in the business center of the town. Large and well-lighted sample room for the use of commercial travelers. No delay in handling baggage, or omnibus charges, as our own porters take it from the railroad platform. Our latch-string is always out. Come and see us.


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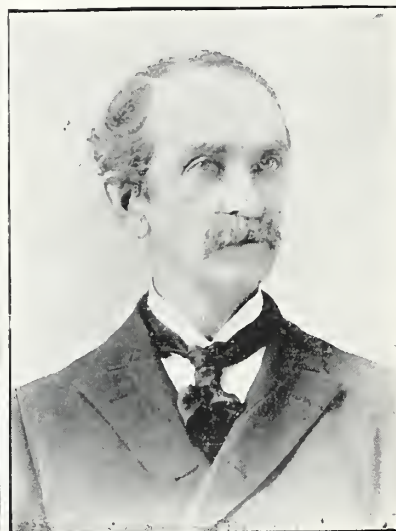

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### GEORGE K. CAMPBELL, Coolville

Is a native of Ohio, born in Belmont county, December 12, 1834. His parents were Edward and Margaret Campbell and he was reared upon a farm and chose that vocation for his lifework. Through close application he secured a fair scientific education and for many years alternated his time between the farm and schoolroom, teaching in winter and working his farm during the spring and summer months. He has always taken a great interest in educational matters and has been a prominent counselor in the educational affairs of the county. He took an honorable part in the war for the suppression of the rebellion, enlisting in Company B, One Hundred and Sixteenth regiment, O. V. I., July, 1862. He was made first lieutenant of the company and was assigned to the army operating in the Shenandoah valley and participated in most of the severe engagements that fell to the lot of that command during the first years of the war. In 1864 he was promoted to captain of Company E, One Hundred and Seventy-fourth regiment, O. V. I. and was transferred farther South and was in to the very last ditch, his company taking part in the battle of Kinston, N. C., one of the last battles fought in the memorable struggle. He was discharged at Columbus, O., in July, 1865. He was married in 1859 to Lois Cooley, daughter of Abigail and Hermen Cooley, pioneer settlers of Troy township. He owns a fine farm near the village of Coolville, and in later years has devoted his attention entirely to farming and stock raising. In his manners he is unassuming, though well informed, and is an entertaining conversationalist. He has the respect and esteem, not only of the community where he resides, but wherever he is known.





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**JOE MATTOX, The Up-to-Date Clothier and Furnisher****NELSONVILLE AND LANCASTER**

Mr. Mattox's two store are among the largest exclusive clothing houses in Central Ohio, and the stock he carries embraces everything in the way of clothing and furnishing for men and boys' wear. His selections of ready to wear garments are very comprehensive, covering a wide range of values from the cheapest cotton fabrics to the finest grades of imported cloths, cassimeres and worsteds, both in plain colors and in fancy effects. The quality and make-up of the goods he handles has been as effective in building up his large business as has the varieties and styles he has offered. Style and fit are other matters that have received careful attention in the selection of his stock. His fine stores, an illustration of which appears on the accompanying page, and large trade are in evidence as to his success in meeting the expectations of the best trade.

Mr. Mattox was reared in Logan, Hocking County, where he learned the tailoring trade and where he began his business career. He came to Nelsonville in 1892 and opened up a merchant tailoring and gents' furnishing establishment, later adding a line of ready to

wear clothing. He is one of the youngest men in the business in this section of the State. He is progressive in his ideas and his stock is all new and right up to date in material, style and workmanship. The Lancaster store was only recently opened, but as there was room there at the top, Mr. Mattox jumped into the position and gave the town its finest clothing and men's furnishing store, and that it meets the expectations of good dressers is evinced by his flattering success.

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### J. C. BRANNAN'S ART STUDIO

Every town in Ohio of any importance can boast of a photograph gallery, but it is not every city the size of Athens that can boast of so fine and elegant a suite of rooms and modern paraphernalia for carrying on the business of photography as will be found at the art studio of J. C. Brannan, in the Phoenix Block on Court street. Mr. Brannan, the subject of this paragraph, came to Athens in 1883 and after six months' employment in the studio of F. P. Graham, purchased the stock and good will of that gentleman and has since conducted one of the most successful institutions of the kind in the Hocking Valley. Brannan's gallery is known far and near for the superior quality of work turned out. He made the photos from which the engravings in this book were made. He is genial in manners and accommodating in disposition, though he does not like to slight a piece of work in order to get it out in quick time. He is progressive in his ideas, and anything that promises to be a benefit to the city has his aid and support.

### Columbus, Hocking Valley & Toledo R. R. BUCKEYE ROUTE

Traversing the Valley from Athens northward to the Lake, it cuts through the center of the richest mineral section of the county and reaches the head of the great inland sea that forms the northern boundary line of the State, in a line straight as the crow flies, and puts the towns along the line in direct connection by the shortest possible route with the great northwest, where the greatest market is found for the products of Athens and Hocking County mines. The line has always met the views of its patrons as to transportation charges, and no one will dispute the efficiency of the service or that they have not kept fully abreast of the rapid improvement in railway travel and shipping facilities. In recent years the management has been very progressive, keeping in advance rather than behind the procession. The passenger service is right up to date, both in train service and in time. The time between Athens and Toledo is six hours and distance 200 miles. The train accommodations are not surpassed by any line in the State. Elegant day coaches and palatial parlor and Pullman drawing cars are in service between Athens,

Columbus, Toledo and the cities of the northwest. Their Chicago line is by all odds the quickest and best for passengers south of Columbus. Their trains cover the 400 miles between Athens and Chicago in ten hours and thirty minutes, no faster time being made by any line, east or west, and the same fine service that has made the Buckeye Route so popular with luxury-loving people is to be found on trains of this line. The cars on all their through trains are su-



INTERIOR OF PARLOR CARS RUN ON THE BUCKEYE ROUTE

perb in all their appointments, and competent porters are in charge, whose duty it is to render all possible assistance to the patrons of their line.

The Buckeye Route makes a special feature of summer excursions at very low rates, which are always most liberally patronized.



### THE ATHENS MESSENGER AND HERALD

The Athens Messenger and Herald is the leading pioneer paper of Athens County. Although it has gone forth to its readers under that name only since January 1, 1894, the same plant has been issuing a paper since 1825, and a few pieces of the furniture that were placed in the composing room at the inception of the paper are to be found in use in that modernized plant to-day. Hon. A. G. Brown was the first editor, and he christened the paper the Athens Mirror and Literary Register. The Mirror was political and literary in its character and was made up of sixteen pages, nine by five inches each, and was printed on a modern press with a stone bed, and required four pulls to each sheet. In 1830, Isaac Maxson succeeded Mr. Brown as editor and publisher, and the name of the sheet was changed to the Western Spectator, and continued under this name till 1836, when it was purchased by Mr. Abram Voorhes, who changed the name to the Hocking Valley Gazette and Athens Messenger, edited and published for a time by Mr. Nelson H. Van Voorhes, and afterward by him and his brother, Mr. A. J. Van Voorhes. In 1844, the establishment was purchased by Mr. George Walsh, who after retaining ownership one year, once more sold it to N. H. Van Voorhes, who was the editor and publisher till January, 1861; Mr. T. F. Wildes till September, 1862; Mr. Jesse Van Law till November, 1865; Mr. J. W. Stinchcomb till November, 1866; Mr. J. R. S. Bond till March, 1868, when the editor and proprietorship was assumed by Mr. Charles E. M. Jennings, who maintained that position till the time of his death on June 8, 1896.

It will be noticed that some very able men have conducted the editorial management of the Messenger and Herald, and far from the least of whom was Charles E. M. Jennings, who moulded public opinion through the influence of its columns for 28 years. The paper has always been pronouncedly Whig and Republican, and has always wielded a strong influence for the party in this county. On January 1, 1894, the Athens Herald, for 12 years an opposition Republican paper, was consolidated with the Messenger, and the paper has since been known as the Athens Messenger and Herald. The plant as it now stands is modern in nearly every particular, and is by far the best equipped paper in the county. Its facilities for job and book printing are not surpassed by any country office in the State. The paper was incorporated in July of 1895 under the laws of the State of Ohio, with a paid up capital stock of



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\$11,000. The present board of directors is composed of George Falloon, President; Fred. W. Bush, Secretary; Rachael Jennings, Treasurer; D. L. Sleeper and D. H. Moore. On the death of Mr. Jennings, Mr. Fred. W. Bush was chosen editor and manager, with Mr. E. C. Woodworth as local editor, both of whom hold the respective positions to-day.



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